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Curator, Madras Record Office.

18*th March*, 1913.

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Hugly
Coppy of the Register of Letters Sent
for the Year 1681.

FYTCH NEDHAM &C^{A} : HUGLY [4TH XBRE :]

Loveing ffreinds

Our Last to you was dated the 10th : Curr^{tt} : since wee rec^{d} [*a few words lost*] the 8th : ultimo on the 15th : ditto whose contents wee haveing answered in great part in our Last abovesaide and it haveing been a busy tyme with us of Late wee did delay our answer untill now.

The Treasure wee were a while since about to have sold here to be delivered by you there but the person with whome were in treaty about it had notice that you had sold it your selfes there soe that wee hope you have begun what necessary in reference to your Investment the next year.

Wee hope your goods will all be ready to come away on receit hereof and wee doe give Licence to M^{r} : Prickman to come therewith to Looke after his concerns here but in the interim would have M^{r} : Trenchfeild remaine there it being convenient that more then one person should remaine in every ffactory where Investments are actually makeing.

Wee have rec[d] : a parcell of planck and Rafters from Rojamau[le] whose am[ot] : wee expect from you that wee may give your ffactory its due Credd[tt] : for them which is all at present from :

Your Loveing ffreinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

P.S—Wee have Just now rec[d] : yours of the 29th : ultimo with the [*a word lost*] of Goods which wee shall this day be takeing ashoare.

M[R] SAMUELL HERVEY &C[A] : HUGLY 4TH : X[BRE] : 1680.

Loveing ffreinds

Our Last to you was of the 6th : ultimo since which came to hands your Severalls of the 9th : two of which date were received the 19th : and 22th ditto M[o] : and your Long Letter of the [*Lacuna in the original*] came to hands the ditto the [last] being very long and wee few people here to assist in writing worke wee sent it away by Sea conveyance to the Agent and Councell as therein desired togather with the Latter part of M[r] : H[ervys] defence wee referr you to [*a word or two lost*] orders wee gave you in our Last.

Your diary for the month [*a few words lost*] ultimo the former of them with the Latter came [*a word lost*] whose Invoyce hitherto appears not.

There are two persian Horses in Ballasore [*a few words lost*] are well recovered of their Sea voyage from Persia [*a word or two lost*] Umead Caune will content the owners of them he may [*a word or two lost*] have them if noe greater man then he interposes for them the Duan here sent for our Vackeele about them and had the same answer as wee now gave you which is all at present from :

Your Loveing ffreinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

P.S.—Your Letter abovementioned being sent away to the Coast wee desire and order you to send us another of the same that wee may enter it into our register here.

M[R] : EDWARD LITTLETON &C[a] : HUGLY 4TH : X[BRE] : 1680.

Loveing ffreinds

Wee have rec[d] : yours of the 27th : ultimo and hope as you seeme to intimate by the tyme of the tend to dispatch them thence to receive your goods for this year by the middle of this month wee note the reason of your non complyance with our Masters orders as to packing this year and that you have sent boards to Decca.

Your Diary &c[a] : for the month October wee have rec[d] : and doe desire you to hasten that of the Last month as alsoe the whole one for the past year in transcripts as enordered by the Standing rules the Invoyce of the Last goods from your factory wee have also rec[d] : for whose amount wee shall give your ffactory Credd[tt].

Wee have not elce to add save to desire M[r] : Littleton to hasten his comeing downe and to give us tymely notice that M[r] : Charnock (whome wee desire to be in redyness the time now drawing soe nigh) may be dispeeded hence to take the charge of Cassumbuzar ffactory from him, wee remaine :

Your Loveing ffreinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

One paire of your bookes comeing downe unsigned wee have returned to you to be signed according to the Comp[as] orders both by the Cheife and Second Idem :

M : V.
J. C.
F. E.

MR : SAMUELL HERVEY &CA : HUGLY DECEMBER 4TH : 1680.

Loveing ffreinds

Wee wrote you this morning since which wee recd : yours of the 25th : ultimo and take notice what you have done about the business of the ꝑwannaes concerning the yearly peash cash of this Port as alsoe for returneing what Lately paide thereon.

As to Muttrasaws business wee heard of it from you and gave our thoughts thereon when hear farther may have more to say in the mean tyme you doe well to act what may be best for our Masters interest therein.

In this busy time wee have not assistance to coppie over those Lres you write about two clauses of the Latter which concern you are sent this day the other may follow as soon as other more pressing business will ꝑmitt wee think Mr : Pownsett had ye Compas : Genll : to Bengall tyme enough here to have taken a Coppie of it.

Wee have returned you those three pair of bookes formerly sent us they being signed only by Mr : Pownsett but should be alsoe by Mr : Hervey which wee order him to doe and immediately to returne they come by two of our Cossidds.

Assoone as wee can be at a Little Leisure wee shall send you up those iron Gunns you mention for the Nabobs use the mahzur or Certificate in the Pattans business being finnished wee expect shortly, and Remaine :

Your Loveing ffreinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

MR : JOHN BYAM &CA : HUGLY 11TH : DECEMBER 1680.

Loveing ffreinds

Wee have recd : yours of the 5th : & 9th : ultimo the 17th & 25th Ditto month noteing the interLopers saileing for Pipley and hope ere now the iron bolts are ready for the Arrivall which wee would have you on next newes of her being in the Roade wch : you may desire Mr : Sowdon to give you, to send them off to her.

Had wee not great occasion for Mr : Rivetts assistance here wee should not have sent for him from you but considering what's to be done [*a few words lost*] found his assistance [*a line lost*] necessary [in] that place wee question not but by one meanes other with some collaterall you have there you will be [*a word or two lost*] acquitt yourselfes well enough for the [*a word or two lost*] ping wee [*a word or two lost*] what you have paide Gossee and Doondee Accott : their [*a word or two lost*] assoone as the Shipps are gone upon your remind [*a word or two lost*] wee shall fitt you with things for presents though are [*a word or two lost*] furnisht from England this year and with ffactors provissions.

The Tymbers for the ffort wee shall possitively order the Commanders to take on board their Shipps.

Wee have seen Jno : Thomas'es papers and at more Leisure if finde he has over shott himselfe in any payments made shall note it unto you his Sallary is recharged to Cash here and he may if due receive it at Maddarass.

Your bill of Excha : for 6000 RS wee received and paide at time wee are glad to hear the Englishmen are cleared from Kateck pray send us a transcript of the certificate you gave in their case.

Wee understand that one of the Boraes first sent downe hence with the Honble : Compas : petre haveing 700 baggs fine petre on board her fell to Leeward of the Roade and went in to Conka where the men were ceized upon and the petre

taken ashoare by that Zimmendarr and the boate staved by his order, you have full notice of the thing and hope are useing meanes by Chimcham who has an interest in that Countrey or some other waies to get that petre againe into your possession which you must endeavour your utmost to doe and when done send it on board the President to whome it belongs it being sent hence for that shipp or if she should be furnished with such a quantity hence as is intended ere you can recover that petre then Let Mr: Sowdon be ordered to shipp it on board the remaineing shipps in equall proportions.

Enclosed comes orders to each Capt: to take 150 of the Honble: Compas Timbers which if you see convenient you need not deliver ym: till all other goods is on board their that soe these may not Embarrasse or hinder their receiveing in or stowing well away the other of the Honble: Compas: goods.

What of the Rice and Wax you can possibly procure pray let be [*a few words lost*].

Your two pair bookes for England and the ffort we have [*a few words lost*].

Wee enordered you formerly to send us up an accott: of what goods and Treasure you recd: on shoar from the sevll: Shipps that soe you might have an Invoyce thereof sent you hence and your ffactory charged therewith and the respective shipps discharged wch: you have failed to doe haveing as wee understand recd: some goods from these Shipps of which hitherto wee have had noe advise from you wee desire you to doe it immediately on receit hereof wee being on the dispatch of the Shipp Sampson whose bills of Ladeing wee cannot deliver up till wee can have an exact accott: as aforesd: as that of goods recd: from the other Shipps wee alsoe enorder you immediately to send of the shipp Sampsons proportion of all ye goods expected to come in with you this year which will amot to Little more then ¼ part of the whole and send us away an Invoyce of the ℘ticulers that wee may enter them into her bill of Lading and the Grall Invoyce here which is all at present from:

Your Loveing Freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Job Charnock.
Francis Ellis.

P.S. At the earnest request of the Purser of the Eagle wee paide him 800Rs out of the Compas: Cash here and have enclosed sent the bill on the Commander for the amot: wch: wee enorder you to receive and give Hugly Accott: Currtt: Creddtt: for it Idem.

M: V:
J: C:
F: E:

Capt: Samuell Chamlet. Hugly 11th December 1680.

Sr:

Wee haveing by directions from the Agent & Councell at ffort St: George provided a ℘cell of Tymbers at Ballasore for the Honble: Compas: Accott to be transported to the Coast of Choromandell doe enorder you to receive one hundred and [*sic*] peeces of the same Tymbers for the Accott: abovesaide from Mr: John Byam &ca: who will send them on board you and that you carry them to the Coast of Choromandell before mentioned and there follow the said Agent and Councells orders for their further disposall. Wee are

Your Loveing Freinds

[Matthias Vincent].
[Job Charnock].
[Francis Ellis]

The same to the rest of the Commanders mutatis mutandis.

FYTCH NEDHAM &c^{A} : HUGLY 11TH DECEMBER 1680.

Loveing ffreinds

Our Last to you was dated the 4th : Cur^{tt} : since [which] on the 4th : 5 : 8 and 10th : wee rec^{d} : yours of the 28 and 29th ultimo and 3 and 4th : Curr^{tt} : all of them Accompanying 54 chests of sev^{ll} : Goods from your ffactory whose Invoyce wee expect Suddenly when shall give a more full answer to your abovesaide Letters of the 27 ultimo in the interim remaineing :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} : JAMES SOWDON. HUGLY 13TH X^{BRE} 1680.

Our Last to you was of the 30th ultimo by the Sloope Arrivall to which referr you wee have since rec^{d} : yours of the 2^{d} : curr^{tt} : by the Sloope Ganges wee have written effectually to Ballasore about the Comp^{as} : Saltpetre taken ashoar at Conka if it comes to you ere any more be ordered hence to be put on board the President Let it be shipped on board her as at first intended but if not then Let it be put on the remaineing Shipps in equall proportions.

The Coppies of the receits for the Raw Silke on board the Eagle out of the Ganges as alsoe of the Saltpeter formerly Shipped on the same Shipp out of the Sloopes and Boraes but wee want the receits of the other three Shipps for the first quantity of petre they rec^{d} : out of the Arrivall and Boraes as alsoe for the Silke Shipped on the Sampson out of the Sloope Arrivall notwithstanding wee gave you absolute orders to send them us the result and doe admire you mention nothing about it pray if not done faile not to send them assoone as possible the bills of Ladeing not being to be drawne out well without them : wee cannot thinke the Commanders will refuse to comply with our orders therein when they see our Letter of ye 27 ultimo to them all.

By M^{r} : Sherman on the Ganges there comes one quire of paper for Letters inke should alsoe have come but feared it [might] miscarry in the way surely the shipps cannot be despatched [*a few words lost*] such things if you absolutely want a board you must hire a small Pergoe as Last year was done if you wri [*a few words lost*] shoar M^{r} : Byam &c^{a} : will send you of one of 100^{mds} : burthen which [*a word or two lost*] row to windward very well.

On the Ganges wee have now sent downe 45 bales Romalls 15 bales Mullmulls 5 bales Decca goods 15 Chests Maulda goods all marked and numbred as hereunder annexed the which you are to Lade as ffolloweth Viz^{t} :

On the Sampson 5 bales Decca goods 45 bales Romalls 15 bales Mullmulls and 15 Chests Maulda goods

The Sloope being fitted with the abovementioned goods wee could not send the Silke as wee hoped and intended so she is to be unladen wholly on the shipp Sampson.

Wee call not elce to minde save that wee are :

Your Loveing Fr^{d} : [*sic*]

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

The markes and numbers of the above mentioned goods are as ffoll^{ws} : Viz^{t} :
Hugly Goods Viz^{t} :

Rhumalls 45 bales N^{o} : : S : A : 7 bales S : B : 7 : d^{o} :
R H : A : 19 : d^{o} : B : 11 d^{o} : G : 1 : d^{o} :
Mullmulls 15 bales N^{o} : : D : 1 : bale : G : 4 : d^{o} : H : 5 : d^{o} :
M⊣ : E : 2 : d^{o} : K : 3 : d^{o} : – 15 bales
Maulda Goods Viz^{t} : N^{o} : 1 : EL : 7 : Chests Ghar : 7 : d^{o}
M : Seers : 1 : d^{o} : in all 15 Chests
Decca Goods Viz^{t}, 1 N^{o} : 1 : 5 bales fr^{o} : N^{o} : 1 to 5 inclusive
B

Mr : SAMUELL SHERMAN. HUGLY 14TH : DECEMBER 1680 :

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repair on board ye Sloope Ganges and to make the best of your way into Ballasore Roade where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to come to an Anchor in some convenient birth as nigh the Shipp Sampson as may be and then you are to follow the orders of Mr : James Sowdon for your unladeing and dispatch.

Wee wish you a good voyage and Remaine
Your Lo : Freind
MATTas : VINCENT.

CAPT : SAMUELL CHAMLET. HUGLY 14TH DECEMBER 1680.

Haveing Laden on board the Sloope Arrivall fifty four bales Raw Silke which in the order sent you for receiveing them was mentioned they were for the Agent but those [*a word or two lost*] 22 bales marked E 1 are for Accott : Mr : Maurice Wynne of Metchlepatam and now on the Ganges have Laden fourty five bales marked as ℔margent soe that in all you have ninety nine [bales] which desire you to receive on board your shipp giveing [bill of] Ladeing for the same to Mr : James Sowdon the freight being paide here that is to say seaventy seven bales for the Agent Accott : of which you received thirty two by the Arrivall and fourty five now by the Ganges the twenty two bales marked M you have already on board makeing in all ninety nine bales as aforesaide for the whole give two setts of bills of ladeing one for the Agents to be delivered at Maddarass the other for Mr : Maurice Wynne to be delivered at Metchlepatam I remaine :

Your Loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr : EDWARD LITTLETON &cA : HUGLY 16TH : DECEMBER 1680.

Loveing ffreinds

Wee have recd : yours of the 9th : instant by which wee are glad to understand that your Hummums Moacta and Attlasses intended on this Shipping are ready but suppose you dispeeded them not as you advise the next oppertunity since hitherto they appear not.

Mr : Job Charnock haveing this year been appointed Cheife of Cassumbuzar and Mr : Edward Littleton to officiate the Second shipp of this ffactory wee understanding that this yeares business is finnished there and that it growes seasonable to give out the usuall imprests to the Silke Merchants and weavours against the next season have now dispeeded Mr : Charnock up to his Cheifshipp as aforesaide ordering Mr : Edward Littleton to deliver the charge of the saide up to him with all convenient expedition and to leave the saide place and to proceed hither to enter upon this secondshipp assoone as well may be.

Wee are glad you have recd : the Chest of Wine of Honble : Compas : and rest :

Your Loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr : JOB CHARNOCK &cA : HUGLY 10TH : DECEMBER 1680.

Loveing ffreinds

Wee haveing advise from Mr : Edward Littleton &ca : at Cassumbuzar of the 19th : Currtt that this yeares business there is finnished at your arrivall thither would now be most seasonable for begining the severall investmts : of that ffactory for the next

year according to our hon^ble : Employers standing rules M^r : Littleton intending on your comeing thither to deliver up the saide factory unto you wee doe enorder you to proceed thither by the first and to make what expedition you can to Cassumbuzar there to receive the charge of that ffactory of which by our Masters orders this Shipping you are appoynted Cheife in which employment wee wish you all Success, and Remaine :

Your very Lo : Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

CAP^t : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT — HUGLY 7TH : X^BRE 1680.

S^r : I have enordered M^r : James Sowdon to Lade on board your ship on the Honble : Comp^as : tonnage the following goods the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of Ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^tt : of M^r : petre Large Viz^t : I am :

1 bale Patamboes
2 bales Chuccalees
32 bales Silke
15 bales Sugarr
—
50
—

Your Lo : Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

M^R : JAMES SOWDON. — HUGLY 16TH : DECEMBER 1680.

Wee have rec^d : yours of the 9th : Curr^tt : by the Arrivall and are glad to hear of the safe arrivall and unladeing of the last thirty Boraes of Saltpetre your receits for all the goods Laden on board the severall Shipps wee have rec^d : pray faile not to let us know the Merda and peons names on the boate the petre was burned on that wee may punnish them for an example to make others in the future more carefull.

Here inclosed comes the Shipp Sampsons bill of Ladeing indorsed and three more bills of Ladeing for what goods she has taken in of the Honble : Employers in that roade which you must get signed and then deliver them their receit booke and enclose one of the saide bills of Ladeing in the accompanying short Gen^ll : to the ffort [*a word or two lost*] it up to goe by the said Shipp Sampson and then give th[e Com]mander his dispatch which alsoe comes herewith.

On the Arrivall have now Laden severall goods as ℘ a[cco^tt : here] under annexed which Lade on the severall Shipps Viz^t :,

On the Eagle Maulda goods 18 Chests Rhumalls 19 bales Mullmulls hugly 6 bales Charionnaes 4 bales :

On the President Maulda goods 17 Chests, Rhumalls 18 bales Mullmulls hugly 5 bales Charconnaes 1 bale Lenga Elatcbaes 21 B^as : Mahebutt bannies 1 bale.

On the Berckle-Castle Maulda goods 17 Chests Romalls 18 b^as : Mullmulls Hugly 5 bales Mahebutt bannies 4 bales.

For all which the Master of the Sloopes receit comes inclosed wee are :

Your Loveing ffreinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Maulda Goods 52 Chests Viz^t :

N C 7 Chests N^o : 1 T 3 ditto N^o : 1 Ta : 9 d^o : Ne: 1 d^o : Ghar 11 d^o : O R 2 : d^o : Seers : 1 d^o : Mul : 11 d^o : Gos 2 d^o : G o : 5d^o Maulda goods in all 52 Chests

Hugly Goods 83 bales Viz^{t} :

N^{o} : S : A : 4 bales S B : 6d^{o} : ╪ A 2 d^{o} : ╪ B 2 d^{o} : A 8d^{o} :
R. H. B 17 d^{o} : G 14 d^{o} : D 2 d^{o} : MH N^{o} : B : 2d^{o} : G 1d^{o} : G 1d^{o} : H 8d^{o} :
... 2 d^{o} : K 1 d^{o} : L 1d^{o} : G F : d^{o} : H N^{o} : A 2d^{o} : B 1d^{o} : GO HN^{o} :
A 1 d^{o} : B 1d^{o} : E H N^{o} : AB 2d^{o} : MB H N°. 5d^{o} : in all 83 bales.

CAP^{T} : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT. HUGLY 19TH X^{BRE} 1680.

S^{r}

Wee haveing Laden on board your Shipp the Sampson what allotted for your share of tonnage from Bengall enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board your saide shipp and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh your Anchor and sett saile bending your course with the best of your skill and Judgement for the most speedy the Port of ffort S^{t} : George Maddarasspatam where when it shall have pleased God to bring you in safety you are to send or carry on shoare our packquett directed to the Right Worsp^{ll} : Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

In your way up wee enorder you to touch at Metchlepatam and send or carry on shoare our Grall Letter to the Cheife &c^{a} : Councell there and you are to follow such orders for takeing in goods on the Honble : Comp^{as} : Acco^{tt} : as they shall give you ℘suant to [what] they have from the Right Worsp^{ll} : the Agent and Councell [above] wee wish you a good voyage and remaine :

Your very Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} : GEORGE HERRON. HUGLY 20TH : DECEMBER 1680.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board the Ketch Arrivall and with the first oppertunity of wind and tyde weigh your anchor and sett saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore Roade where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to deliver our packett herewth : delivered you unto M^{r} : James Sowdon to whome wee referr you for your unladeing and dispatch soe wish you a good voyage and rest :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

CAP^{T} : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT. HUGLY 9TH : DECEMBER 1680.

S^{r} :

S M : .. 32 I have enordered M^{r} : Sowdon to Lade on board your ship fifty four bales Raw
.. 22 Silke on the Honble : Comp^{ns} : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and
bales .. 54 deliver him bills of Ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^{tt} : of the Right Worsp^{ll} :
the Agent markt as ℘ margent, I am :

Your Loveing Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAP^{T} : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT. HUGLY 9TH : DECEMBER 1680.

S^{r} :

You are to receive on board your ship M^{r} : W^{m} : Thatcher and his necessaryes to Maddarass he paying for his passage I am :

Your Loveing Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAP^T : NATHANIELL HORSMAN.

I have enordered M^r : Sowdon to Lade on board yor : ship seven bales Raw Silke on the Honble : Comp^as : Tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^tt : of M^r : John Davis markt as in the margent I am :

No.	A :	2
A 9 :		1
	L	4
bales	..	7

Your loveing Freind

Hugly December 11th : 1680. [MATTHIAS VINCENT.]

CAP^T : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT. HUGLY ii DECEMBER 1680:

S^r :

You are to receive on board your ship M^r : Petre Large [his] Servants and his necessarys to Maddrass he paying for his passage I am :

Your Lo : Freind

MATTHIAS VINCEET.

CAP^T : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

S^r :

I have enordered M^r : Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship seven bales Raw Silke on the Honble : Comp^as : Tonnage the freight thereof being made good here deliver him bills of Ladeing for them they goeing for acco^tt : of M^r : John Davis markt as Margent I am :

—	6
B. S :	1
Bales —	7

Your Loveing Freinds

Hugly December 11th : 1680. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAP^T : WILLIAM TALBOTT. HUGLY 13TH : DECEMBER 1680 :

S^r :

I have enordered M^r : Sowdon to Lade on board your shipp the following goods on the Honble : Comp^as : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here aud deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^tt : of Antonia Negara markt as ꝑ margent I am :

Your Loveing Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

G H	1 bale, 2 Chests } q^t.	Petumbars.
R	2 bales Sugar	
D G	1 ꝑcell Raw Silke	
	30 mds Long pepper	
	1 Canaster q^t : Taffaties	

CAP^T : WILLIAM TALBOTT.

S^r :

You are to receive on board your ship Antonia Negara three Servants and necessarys to Maddarass he paying for his passage I am :

Your Loveing Freind

Hugly December 13th : 1680. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAP^T : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

S^r :

I have enordered M^r : Sowdon to Lade on board your ship twenty three bales Raw Silke on the Honble : Comp^as : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of Ladeing for them they goeing for Acco^tt : of the Right Worsp^ll : Agent markt as ꝑ margent I am

Your Loveing Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Hugly December 14th : 1680.

CAPT : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship twenty bales Raw Silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing for accott : of Mr : Maurice Wynne markt as margent I am :

Your Loveing Freind

Hugly December the 14th : 1680. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT : WM : TALBOTT.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship four bales Sugar on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the ffreight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for they goeing for accott : Mr : Clement King markt as Margt : I am

Your Loveing Freind

Hugly December 16th : 1680. MATIAS VINCENT.

CAP : WM : TALBOTT.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship three bales Raw Silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills for them they goeing for Accott · of Mr : Thomas Lucas markt as margent I am :

Your Lo : Freind

Hugly December 14th : 1680. MATTAS : VINCENT.

CAPT : NATHANIELL HORSMAN.

Sr :

I have ordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship three bales Raw Silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing for Accott : of Mr : Richard Browne markt as margent I am :

Your Loveing Freind

W G . . . 1 bale Charcollees

Hugly December 17th : 1680. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT· SAMUELL CHAMBLETT. HUGLY DECEMBER 18TH 1680.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr· Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship three bales Raw Silke on the Honble Compas tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing for Accott : of the Right [Worspll : the] Agent markt as margent I am :

Your Loveing Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT· SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

I have enordered Mr· Sowdon to Laide on board your Ship Six bales Raw Silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills of ladeing for them they goeing for accott :-of Mr· Timothy Harris markt as ℔ margent I am :

A .. 3
B .. 3
bales 6

Your Loveing Freind

Hugly December 18th : 1680. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to laide on board your Ship four bales Sugar on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for ym : they goeing for Accott : of Remas markt as margent I am :

Your Loveing freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Hugly December 18th : 1680.

CAPT : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT HUGLY DECEMBER 18TH : 1680.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship the following goods on ye : Honble : Compas : tonnage ye : freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for ym : yey : goeing consigned unto Mr : Richard Mohun markt as margent I am :

116 bales Raw Silke
1 chests Taffaties qts :
150 ps.
35 bales sugar

Your Loveing Freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

S P : B..
S .. 21
S.P.H ..
S .. 18
BH
BB.. 22
KHI.
KHB .. 06
WH.
WB .. 2
SMW .. 8
G .. 4
DG No : 1 : 2
DG No. 6 : 2
9
22

bales .. 116

CAPT. SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

Sr :

You are to receive on board your Ship Mrs : Thomas her slaves and necessarys she paying for her passage at Maddarasse I am :

Your Lo : Freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Hugly December 18th : 1680.

CAPT : SAMUELL CHAMBLETT.

Sr :

You are to receive on board your Ship Mr: Richard Mohun three servants and his necessarys he paying for his passage I am :

Your Loveing Freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT : JONATHAN HIDE. HUGLY 20TH : 1680 :

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your ship one bale raw silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for it goeing [consigned unto Mr : Maurice Wynne markt as margent I am.

NG 1 cht
bales sugar

Your Loveing Freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.]

CAPT : NATHANIELL HORSMAN.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your ship two hundred bales Sugar on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing consigned unto Mr : Maurice Wynne I am :

Your Loveing Freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

Hugly December 20th : 1680

CAP : JONATHAN HIDE.

Sr :

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Laide on board yor : ship two hundred thirty one baggs Long Pepper on the Honble : Compas : tonnage ye : freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing consigned to the Right Worspll : the Agent markt as margent I am :

Your Loveing Freind

Hugly December 20th : 1680. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT : JONATHAN HIDE.

I have enordred Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your ship Eighty one baggs sugar on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing for accott : Mr : Richard Mohun markt as margent I am :

3 bales silke Your Loveing Freind

Hugly December 28th : 1680 MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR : JOHN BYAM &CA : HUGLY 28TH : DECEMBER 1680.

Loveing Friends

Wee have received yours of ye : 10th : & 18th Currtt : and are sorry to understand that the Merchants wth : you are soe backward with their contracts in bringing in their goods especially Chintamundsaw [*a word or two lost*] wee wish may have a good meaning in what he does you are to hasten them what you can and get the Presidents proportion of goods on board with all expedition wee intending to dispatch her and the Egle by ye returne of the sloope Arrivall now daily expected here pray therefore send of an accott : of perticulers you have Laden on the President to Mr : Sowdon that he may enter them into her bill of Ladeing which wee shall send hence with a blanck to fill up with the same and dispatch the Invoyce of the same hither that thereby wee may enter it into the Grall Invoyce of the saide ship hence among the other goods your Invoyce for goods Laden on board the Sampson and Eagle being recd : by us and wee had rather have the other two ships [Invoyces of] Ballasore goods to enter them into [their respective In]voyces here the ship then that you should remitt them to ye : ffort except in case of invincible necessity.

Wee admire ye : Commanders should take upon them to elude ye orders and not take in ye : Timbers for ye : ffort orders wee have given them which if they follow not they must answer.

Wee note your haveing recd : the Purser of the Eagles bill for 800 Rupees on the Commander and that you shall receive ye : money and Creditt accott : Currtt : Hugly for [it] alsoe that the bolts for the Arrivall sloope are sent of for her into ye : Roade and hope she will bring them with her.

Wee haveing noe manner of trade in the Zimmendar of Conchaes contrey are purposeing to send a sloope thither to stop his port and to ceize what boates or shipping he may be sending thence to any part except he will deliver the 700 baggs of the Honble : Compas : Petre and pay for the boate that brought them and he ceized upon haveing now herewith written him to the same effect which pray send him the Coppie of which accompanies these and would have you enquire into the feasableness of the thing whether his Vessell you mention is bound &ca : necessary with your oppinions upon the whole matter that wee may proceed according to what wee finde most secure and adviseable for our Masters interest in this matter.

Wee admire John Thomas is gone on board any ship for Maddarass without our order especially since his wife is sent on board the Sampson whome he is likely to doe mischeif unto by some wicked means or other proper to his mischeifous nature in the way up and wee have therefore hopes if you had given order to the Commander of the Sampson that you have recalled it and you may order his passage on the Eagle or the Berckle-Castle.

The two coppies of your Diaries are come to hand and shall proceed to the Coast with the rest by the Last ship which is all at present from :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Mr : JAMES SOWDON. HUGLY 28 : DECEMBER 1680

Your breif letter of the 19th : Currtt : wee recd : the 25th : and admire you should be soe negligent as not to send copies of those receits you tooke for the goods shipped on board the English Shipps out of the Sloope Ganges for want of them wee are not now able to draw out the Sampson's Invoyce and wee understand the sloope did not come thence in a day or two after the date of your Letter these are things wee shall not pass by but stricktly enjoyne you to comply with your orders and not to think off with foolish and idle excuses.

On the Ganges wee have now Laden 129 bales silke & 250 baggs Saltpetre ordinary.

The which wee would have Laden on the severall shipps as [ffollows].

On the President the 250 baggs Saltpetre and 100 bales silke raw :

On the Eagle 29 bales Raw silke and be sure to send us up the Copies of the receits for all, the master of the Sloopes receit for the abovementioned goes herewith and the markes are hereunder specified which is all from :

Your Lo : Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

The markes and numbers of the abovementioned Goods are as followeth Vizt :

Bales Raw silke 129 Vizt :

M : A : 58 : from No : 1 to 58 inclusive
B : 14 : No : 1 : 4 : 5 : 8 : 9 : 12 : 15 : 16 : 18 : 20 : 21 : 25 : 26 : 28 :
M. C : 02 : No : 28 : 53
D : 18 : No : 14 : 23 : 27 : 35 : 41 : 45 : 48 : 50 : 53 : 54 : 55 : 58 : 59 : 60 : 63 : 65 : 67 : 69 :
T A. A : 03 : No : 1 : 2 : 3 :
B : 11 : from No : 1 to 11 inclusive
G : 20 : from No : 1 to 20 inclusive
D : 03 : No : 1 : 2 : 3 :

Raw Silke. . 129 bales
Saltpetre Ordry : 250 baggs

Mr : SAMUELL SHERMAN. HUGLY 28TH : DECEMBER 1680

Wee enorder you immediately on receit hereof to repaire on board the Sloope Ganges and with the first oppertunity of wind tyde weigh your Anchor and sett saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore Roade where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to come to an anchor and send or carry our letters herewith delivered you, unto Mr : James Sowdon to whome wee referr you for your unladeing and dispatch wee wish you a good voiage and remaine :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

CAPT : JONATHAN HIDE.

Sr.

I have enordered Mr : Sowdon to Lade on board your ship one bale Raw silke on the Honble : Campas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for it, goeing consigned to Mr : Gayer markt as ℔ margent I am :

This bale did not proceed as entred.

Your Loveing Freind

Hugly December 28TH : 1680. MATTHIAS VINCENT.

M^{r} : EDWARD LITTLETON
in his absence

M^{r} : JOB CARNOCK &c^{a} : HUGLY 29TH : DECEMBER 1680.

Loveing Freinds

Yours of the 11th : and 18th : Curr^{tt} : we rec^{d} : and with the first on two boates 32 bales China Silke 101 ditto Floretta yarn 11 bales Hummums three bales Addaties and three chests Attlasses with the Latter advice wee rec^{d} : on boates 190 bales raw silke 3 bales Raw Taffaties and one bales Raw Taffaties the rest of your goods togather with an Invoyce of all sent since your Last Invoice wee suddenly expect.

Your two pair of bookes for London and the Fort wee have rec^{d} : and one copie of your charges Genll : which wee finde not summed up at the end as in the Late regulations enordered your Diary pray hasten away.

The Scales and weights M^{r} : Littleton carry with him hence for weighing the silver then there wee shall want here and doe enorder you to send them us downe you haveing another good pair there and wee utterly destitute of any true Scales in this place which is all at present from :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

CAP^{T} : W^{M} : TALBOTT. HUGLY 3^{D} : JANUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

S^{r} :

AM G I have enordred M^{r} : Sowdon to Lade on board your Ship the following goods on the Honble : Comp^{as} : tonnage the freight thereof being mad good here and deliver him bills Ladeing for them they goeing for acco^{tt} : of Senr : Andrew Martins markt as ₱ margent I am :

One bale Petamboes
8 baggs Long Pepper
One smale bale Raw silke
One Dupper of Butter
One bagg Sugar
One bale Photaes

Your Lo : Freind

MATT^{as} : VINCENT.

M^{R} : JAMES SOWDON. HUGLY 3^{d} : JANUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$

On these two Boraes wee have Laden 100 baggs Saltpetre and 660 small baggs each q^{t} : 1 md and 79 great baggs each q^{t} : 2 md^{s} Turmerick the Saltpetre Laden board the Berckley Castle the Turmerick in case the other two ships the Eagle and President shall not be dispatched thence ere they arrive there let it be Laden in equall proportions with the ship Berckle Castle but if both Shipps [*a few words lost*] then let all be Laden on the Latter which is all at present from :

Your Lo : Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

The severall Mirdaes notes comes inclosed
according to which pray receive the goods.

Idem.
M : V.
F : E.

Mʀ: James Sowdon. Hugly 4ᴛʜ: January 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Wee have yours of the 27th: instant and shall rectify the mistake of Chests sent for bales in our Invoices hence only you must be sure in receits you take for goods put on on board the English Ships and their coppies sent us hither to insert markes and numbers as you there take them of them of the bales which you have now omitted to doe in 7 Chests Maulda goods marked Char: but noe numbers added which breeds uncertainties here.

On the Sloope Arrivall wee have now laden 50 bales of Raw silke 59 bales and Chests Mullmulls two boxes of patterns of Taffaties 11 bales Hummums 6 Chests Addaties 2 Chests Attlasses 33 Chests Taffaties 2 Chests Rheangs 5 baggs Saltpeter Maulda 450 baggs ordinary petre 6 bales Seer bunds 1 Chest Charconnaes 2 Chests Seersuckers 3 bales Cossaes 1 ballet Decca musters 1 Chest Orungsheis 1 Chest Nehallewares 1 Chest Tangeebs 1 box Maulda Musters and one Butt of Arrack for Metchlepatam (which you must take a receit for and send to the Cheife and Councell there apart with a line of advice) the Accott: with markes and numbers of all the other parcells togather with the method you are to lade them on board and on what Ships comes hereunto annexed to which wee referr you ordering you to have great care in ladeing according to it you haveing in ladeing the last goods by the Arrivall made the mistake (of Chests and bales) your selfe (you mention) wee ordering 18 Chests Maulda goods on the Eagle and you lade 22 wch: made that you were faine to lade but 13 Chests instead of 17 Chests Maulda goods on the President and supplyed the rest with 4 bales wch: mistakes pray carefully avoide these ships being on their dispatch.

Accompanying these comes the 2 ships bills ladeing from the Fort endorsed and two sets of new bills for what laden on them hence to be signed one of which pray send with our advisses to the Agent & and Councell which finnished and sealed up with the papers as inlisted give each ship the Eagle and President their dispatch herewith alsoe sent you.

We [have received] by advisses from our freinds at Ballasore that [their investmts: are backward there assoone as you receive] this advice write immediately on shoare to know whether the part of the investment of that ffactory proportioned to the ship President be ready to come of in a day or two if it be then you may let the Eagle goe before away and stay the President two or three daies extrordinary but if they cannot divine when they shall be ready to send of her goods then detaine her not but let her proceed with the other this order is in case the Presidents proportion of Ballasore goods shall not be sent of ere the sloope Arrivall gets with you and wee hope there will be noe occasion for it.

Enclosed comes the master of the sloope Arrivalls receit for goods laden on board her which is all at present from:

Your Loveing Freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Ffrancis Ellis.

Goods to be laden on board the Shipp President Vizt:

Cassamubazar goods Vizt:

Nº: 1: a box of Taffaty patterns: H: Hummums 11 bales from Nº: 1 to 11.
A 6: bales Addaties from Nº: 1 to 6 inclusive A: 3 Chests Attlasses Nº: 1: 2: 3

B 8 Chests Taffatyes black from Nº: 1 to 5 and N: A: B: C: E Taffatyes Europe Dye Nº: 4: 1 small Chest F: B 6 Chests Taffatys fine from Nº: 23 to 28 inclusive.

Decca Goods Vizt:

MUL 9 Chests Mullmulls from Nº: 15 to 23 Re 1 Chest Rhehings Nº: 14.

Hugly Goods Vizt:

MH 20 bales Mullmulls B 1 ditto D 1 ditto G 3 ditto H 8 ditto E 5 ditto.

Hugly Goods Vizt :—*cont.*

K 2 ditto 1 But Arrack with the Compas : marke and 450 baggs course Petre 5 ditto Maulda markt SP :

Goods for the Eagle Vizt :

Maulda Goods Vizt :

Seers 1 Chest No : 3 : 1 ditto No : 1 : 2 Ghar 1 Chest Charconnaes No : 123 Seers 1 Chest No : S i do : No : 3 :

Decca Goods Vizt :

Seer 2 Chests No : 6 : 7 : 1 ditto No : 8 Gos 1 ditto No : 12 : 2 bales ditto No : 10 : 11 MUL 1 Chest No : 13 :

Cassumbuzar goods Vizt :

T E : G : 45 bales Raw Silke from No : 1 to 45 : G ditto from No : 1 to 5 :

Hugly Goods Vizt :

MH : R. MH : A .. D F Ditto E 1 bale B ... 1 [ditto G. i ditto. G ... 1 ditto. D. 1 ditto 1 ditto

G 3 ditto G H 5 ditto H ÷ i ditto E 6 ditto K 3 ditto K 1 ditto

K i ditto. 1 box Taffaty patternes No : 2 :

Goods for the Berkley Castle.

Cassumbuzar goods Vizt :

F 13 Chests Taffaties fine head A from No : 32 to 44 inclusive 4 ditto G from No : 13 to 16. 1 ditto D No : 1 Decca Goods Seer 1 small bale Seer bunds No : 9 Musters 1 ditto No : 24 Or : 1 Chest Orungsheis Maulda No : 3 Re 1 ditto Rehings No : 3 Ne 1 ditto Nehallowares No : 1 : 2 Mu 1 ditto Mullmulls No : 6 R T a 1 ditto Tangeebes No : 8 R Must 1 box musters No : 1 mu 1 ditto Mullmulls No : 3 R :

In case you ship the Ballasore goods on board the President at all then add them into bill of ladeing and then have it signed you will find blancks in the President and Eagles bills ladeing for the markes and numbers of the Silke sent you downe by the Ganges not knowing what sortes you lade on each ship therefore remitte you them to be filled there which take care to doe without mistakes.

Idem M Vincent.

ffr. Ellis.

Capt. Nathaniel Horsman. Hugly 6th : January 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Sr :

I have ordered Mr : Sowdon to lade on board your shipp six bales Raw silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for they going for accott : of Mr : Richard Mohun markt as ℔ margent I am :

R M

Your loveing Freind

Matthias Vincent.

Capt : Nathaniel Horsman. Hugly 6th January 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

I have enordred Mr : Sowdon to lade on board your ship the following goods on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for Accott : the Right Worspll : Streynsham Master Esqr : markt as ℔ margent I am :

Your loveing freind

Matthias Vincent.

S M	...	... ...	12 bags Conch
...	...	... ...	6 bales rawsilke
No ... 24		... ...	1 ditto
S M	...	... ...	1 ffardell
P			

CAPT. : NATHANIEL HORSMAN. HUGLY 7TH : JANUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Sr :

Wee haveing laden on board your ship the Eagle what allotted for your share of tonnage from Bengall enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board your said ship and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather to weigh your anchor and set saile bending your course with the best of your skill and judgment for the most speedy attaineing the port of ffort St : George Maddarasspatam where when it shall have pleased God to arrive you in safety you are to send or carry on shoar our packett directed to the Right Worspll : the Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

In your way up wee enorder you to touch at Maddapollam & Metchlepatam and send or carry on shoar our Genll : letters to the Cheife &ca : Councell of each place and you are to follow such orders as each of them shall give you ℘ suant to such as they have from the Right Worspll : the Agent and Councell abovesaid, wee wish you a good voiage and remaine

Your loveing ffreinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

The same to Capt : Hide in the President.

MR : GEORGE HERRON. HUGLY 7TH : JANUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board ye : sloope Arrivall and with the first opportunity of wind and tyde weigh yor : Anchor and set saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore Road where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to come to an Anchor and send our packet herewith delivered you unto Mr : James Sowdon to whome wee referr you for your unladeing and dispatch wee wish you a good voyage and remaine :

Your loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

At your returneing into the River you are to come no higher then Cudgaree where wee shall appoint Boraes with our remaineing goods to lade you for the dispatch of the latter shipps : Idem M V.
FF : E.

CAPT : WILLIAM TALBOT. HUGLY 10TH : JANUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Sr :

I have enordred Mr. Sowdon to lade on board your Shipp sixty two bags Pepper on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for Accott : Mrs : Ursula Oneele markt as ℘ margent I am :

Your loveing Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT :

CAPT : WILLIAM TALBOT. HUGLY JANUARY 4TH : 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Sr :

I have enordred Mr : Sowdon to lade on board your ship five bales raw silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for accott : Mr : Wm : Dixon markt as ℘ margent I am :

[...] No. 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 : 5 :

Your loveing Freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT : WILLIAM TALBOT. HUGLY JANUARY 4TH : 168⁰⁄₁.

Sr :

I have enordred Mr : Sowdon to lade on board your ship the follg : goods on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for Accott : the Honble : Compa : markt as ℘ margent I am :

FSG ... 63 Sacks Wheat
F.S G
S ... 20 bales Sugar
200 bundles ropes

DM ... 4 Mung Doll
I
F.S.G. ...
D.R. ... 3 Red Doll

... Twine

W 1120 peeces Gunny
100 bundles ropes

F.S.G.
D.Y. A Yellow ditto

FSG 100 baggs Wheat
240 peeces Gunny

F.S.G.
B ... 30 Jarrs Butter

Your loveing Freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

CAPT : WILLIAM TALBOT. HUGLY 14TH : JANUARY 168⁰⁄₁.

Sr :

I have enordred Mr : Sowdon to lade on board your ship three bales Raw silke on the Honble : Compas : tonnage the freight thereof being made good here and deliver him bills ladeing for them they goeing for Accott : Mr : Wm : Jearsy markt as ℘ margent I am :

Your loveing Freind
MATTHIAS VINCENT.

MR : JAMES SOWDON. HUGLY JANUARY 14TH : 168⁰⁄₁.

Wee have now laden on board sloope Ganges 170 bales of sundry goods the which wee enorder you to lade on board the Berkly-Castle the masters receit comes enclosed and all marked and numbred as hereunder annexed which is the needfull at ℘ sent from :

TR : AB C : : 4 bales No : 3 : 4 : 5 : 6 :
ME : AB C : : 1 ditto No : 1 ... ...
AB C : : 1 ditto No : 1 . . ...
E Y . . ... : 3 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3 :–
E r . . ... : 3 ditto No : 1 : 1 : 2 :–
T E . . ... A 31 ditto from No : 1 to 31 inclusive
B 60 ditto from No : 1 to 60 inclusive
C 19 ditto from No : 49 to 64 inclusive
D 48 ditto from No : 1 to 48 inclusive

Your Loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

MR : SAMUEL SHERMAN. HUGLY JANUARY 14TH ; 168⁰⁄₁.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board the sloope Ganges and to make the best of your way into Ballasore Road where when you shall arrive in safety you are to come to an Anchor and send or carry our letter herewith delivered you unto Mr : James [*a word lost*] to whom we referr you for your unladeing and dispatch soe [wish you] a good voiage and remaine :

Your lo : Freinds
MATTAS : VINCENT.
EDWD : LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

CAPT : WILLIAM TALBOTT. HUGLY JANUARY 17TH : $168\frac{0}{1}$.

Sr :

Wee haveing laden on board your ship the Berkly-Castle Wt : allotted for your share of tonnage from Bengall enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board your said ship and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course with the best of your skill and judgment for the most speedy attaineing the port of Fort St : George Maddarasspatam where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to send or carry on shoar your packett directed to the Right Worspll : Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings, soe wish you a good voyage & remaine :

Your loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

MR : JAMES SOWDON. HUGLY JANUARY 18TH : $168\frac{0}{1}$.

On the Arrivall wee have now laden 33 bales Hugly goods 122 bales Cassumbuzar goods 1 Chest Maulda Musters 1 fardle Decca ditto all marked and numbred as here under annexed the which you are to lade on board the ship Berkly-Castle the Master of the Arrivalls receit for the abovementioned premisses comes herewith.

Accompanying these comes the Berkly-Castles bill ladeing indorsed and three bills ladeing for what he has taken in of our Honble : Employers in that roade which you must get signed and then deliver them their receit booke and inclose one of the saide bills ladeing in the Accompanying Grall : to the Agent and Councell at ffort St : George sealeing it up to goe by the said ship Berkly-Castle and then give the Commander his dispatch which alsoe comes herewith.

Herewith alsoe comes two boxes of bookes of Accotts : &ca : whose keys are inclosed in these pray deliver the said boxes to the Commander enchargeing him to take great care of them and to let them stand in his round house assoone as you have ꝑfected all as enordered you are to returne to us on the sloope Arrivall which is all at present from :

Your loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

[Take] care that you loose noe papers out of the packet to the ffort but after you have enclosed [one] bill of ladeing for the Berkly-Castle [*a few words lost*] fully seal it up and deliver it the Capt : wth : his dispatch.

Cassumbuzar Goods Vizt

G White China Silke 34 bales Vizt :

A ... bale No : 1
B ... 3 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3 :
C ... 4 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 :
D ... 4 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 :
E ... 3 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3 :
F ... 3 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3
G ... 5 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 : 5
H ... 3 ditto No : 1 : 2 3
... 6 ditto No : 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 : 5 : 6

Hugly Goods—*cont.*

G I ... 1 ditto . . . . .
G P ... 1 ditto No : A B :

Hugly Goods Vizt :

R H A 1 bale
B 1 ditto
A 10 : ditto
B 10 : ditto
B 1 ditto
G 6 ditto
G 1 ditto

D	1 ditto	
AB : H : BG :	2 ditto	
	33	
M Moacta	34	
B ...	16 ditto N° : 2 : 3 : 6 : 7 : 10 : 11 : 13 14 [×] 19 : 22 : 23 : 24 27 : 29 : 30	Must D : 1 bale N° : 25 Must M : 1 box N° : 2 Cassumbuzar Goods 122 bales
G	11 ditto from 1 to 11 inclusive	
D	2 ditto N° : 1 : 2 :	Hugly Goods—33 bales
T E	32 ditto from N° : 1 to 32 inclusive	Malda Musters 1 box
F	23 ditto from N° : 1 to 23 inclusive	Decca Musters 1 bale
G	1 ditto N° : 6	
S	2 ditto N° : 1 : 2	
S	1 ditto N° : 3 :	
	122	

M^R : JOB CHARNOCK &C^A : HUGLY 20TH : JANUARY $168\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing freinds

This comes only to advise that on three boates wee have sent you the dying materialls that came out of this yeares Shiping for the use of your factory it amounts as ꝑ : Invoyce inclosed to Rup^s : [*Lacuna in the original*] which pray credd^tt : Hugly Acco^tt : curr^tt : for in few daies wee shall answer yours lately rec^d : by land in y^e : interim remaine :

On these boates wee returne John Ellitt and Samuell Pine the former to his business of Throwster the latter to be employed in where assistance of that nature may be most wanting and as your owne prudence shall direct ÿdem M : V.
E : L.
ff : E.

Your loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^R : GEORGE HERRON. HUGLY 14TH FEBRUARY $168\frac{0}{1}$.

Receive on board the sloope Arrivall on the Comp^as : Acco^tt : being freight goods three bales Chuckalees marked S P in all three [*a few words lost.*]

Your Loveing freind

MATTHIAS VINCENT.

M^R : GEORGE HERRON. HUGLY 14TH : FEBRUARY $168\frac{0}{1}$.

Haveing laden on board your sloope y^e : Arrivall [with] goods of our Honble : Employers &c^a : thought fitting wee enorder you immediately on receit hereof to repaire on board the s^d : sloope the Arrivall and with y^e : first oppertunity of wind and tide to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course w^th : y^e : best of your skill & judgm^t : for y^e : most speedy attaineing y^e : port of ffort S^t : George Maddarassapatam where when it shall have pleased God to have brought you you are to goe on shoar to the Right Worspll : Streysham [*sic*] Master Esqr : Agent and Governour &c^a Councell there to whome wee referr you for your further disposall.

In your way down y^{e}: River as alsoe thence up to Madrasse you are stricktly enjoyned not to part Comp^{a} wth: the Ganges but to stay for her to which purpose wee doe enorder M^{r}: Samuell Sherman in y^{e}: Ganges to carry y^{e}: light y^{e}: voyage up and wee require you on noe Acco^{tt}: or pretence whatever to leave her comp^{a}: purposely, wee wish you a good voyage and remain:

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R}: SAMUELL SHERMAN. HUGLY 14TH: FEBRUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Haveing laden on board your sloope y^{e}: Ganges what goods of our Honble: Employers &c^{a}: thought fitting wee enorder you immediately on receipt hereof to repaire on boar [*sic*] s^{d}: sloope and wth: y^{e}: first oppertunity of wind and tyde weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course wth: y^{e}: best of your skill and Judgm^{t}: for y^{e}: most speedy attaineing y^{e}: port of Fort S^{t}. George Madarasspatam where when it shall please God to arrive you you are to goe on shoare & carrying our packett herewth: d̃d you unto y^{e}: Right Worsp^{ll}: Streynsham Master Agent and Governour & Councell there to whome wee referr you for your further disposall.

In your way down y^{e}: River as alsoe thence up to Madrasse you are stricktly enjoyned not to part Comp^{a}: with the Arrivall but to stay for her for which purpose wee enorder you M^{r}: Sam^{ll}: Sherman in y^{e}: Ganges to carry y^{e}: light y^{e}: voyage up and wee require you on noe Acco^{tt}: or pretence w^{t}: ever to leave her Comp^{a}: purposely, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine:

Your loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R}: [JOHN BYAM ETC.]

Loveing Freinds

Wee have your sev^{lls}: of the 6th: 10th: 12th: and 31th ultimo and 3^{d} curr^{tt}: rec^{d}: y^{e}: 10: 6th last m^{o}: and 9th: and 14th Curr^{tt}: by the sloope Lilly meeting a passage of 14 dayes.

The Invoyce of y^{e}: Presidents goods from your residence came in good tyme and y^{e}: mistake is rectified in y^{e}: grall: w^{ch}: on examination wee doe not finde to be M^{r}: Sowdons fault.

Pray let us understand whose or w^{t}: default it is y^{t}: your goods came short of your contract in Ballasore this season that wee may take care against y^{e}: next year not thinking it feazable to employ such people as doe not comply near notwithstanding any order rule or setlem^{t}: w^{t}soever it being y^{e}: next way to make bad debts w^{ch}: wee doe not think any regulation made in India will bear us out in doeing carelessly or purposely.

What answer you can get from the Zimmendar of Concha both to the Duan and us the former let us know and y^{e}: latter forward [to us] wee have written to y^{e}: Agency about stoping his port ceizing his ship &c^{a}: as alsoe advised them that she was bound to Metchlepatam and if they pleased might be ceized there wee shall awaite their order and in the mean time desire you to informe your selfes the best you can about all things of his countrey &c^{a}.

Wee had rather John Thomas had gone on another ship then the same wth: his wife in respect of the mischeivousness of his temper wee being sometimes when wee compare all cercumstances of his distraction apt to think he was never really mad

only feigned it that he might gaine y^e: oppertunity of murthering his wife (as he attempted it) without danger of being hanged as he deserved for it for not questioning but madness would have excused his dying for the fact.

The sloope Lilly you would have done well to have repaired [*a word lost*] ere you sent her up you may doe it now or returne her hither to be repaired here as you shall see good.

The Invoyce of provisions sent by you to y^e: ffort came as you advised w^{th}: yours of y^e: 6th last month.

Alsoe y^e: Invoyce of what you laded on board y^e: Berkly-Castle [*a word lost*] to our receipt and was entred into the grāl Invoyce by that ship [*a word lost*] would doe well that you got those boatemen and peon [*a word or two lost*] on the saltpetre boate to Concha to wittness before the Cozzee of Ballasore the truth of this Zimmendars ceizing the said [*a word or two lost*] enclosed comes the mangees receit for 700 baggs twice [*a few lines lost*] the whole got a good mahzur [*a word or two lost*] said Cozzee and wittnessed by y^e: boatemen and peon and [*a few words lost*] and inhabitants of Ballasore Moores and Jenteues this will be of good use to us if the Agent and Councell refer this business back to us.

The Lilly is arrived and the time d̄d to y^e: concerned according to their notes produced here.

Wee are sorry these Boraes w^{th}: packing stuffe and provisions came too late into the roade to be laden on board the Europe ships pray put it into the packing stuffe house where it may remaine w^{th}: out damage till next year the provisions because they may decay sell of there wee haveing gotten what wee could again here not thinking it convenient to send the sloopes down to Ballasore to take it in it being soe late in the year least it should indanger their gaineing their voyage to the Coast what you sell those sev^{lls}: for advise us that wee may charge you accordingly.

According to your desire wee have sent you now on the Lilly the sev^{ll}: goods things for presents factors provisions as ℔ inclosed Invoyce am^{ot}: to Rup^s: 18509: 9^a: 9^p: for w^{ch}: give our $Acco^{tt}$: $Curr^{tt}$: $Credd^{tt}$: you may be presenting all your people in $Governm^t$: as usuall it being unavoydable notwithstanding the new Phyrmaund if wee intend the $curr^{tt}$: proceeding of our Masters negotiations in these partes Mirza Wooly complaines here though wee doe not beleive him that he has had nothing these three last yeares as for Naweb Caune wee leave it to you if you finde a necessity to present him as well as the rest with what frugallity you can with convenience.

Wee note what day the Berckly-Castle sailed out of Ballasore road being very sorry it was soe late ere she could be dispatched and hope wee shall be soe well supplyed with sloopes. The next Moonsoone as that wee shall not be put upon a necessity of keeping our ships soe Long as wee were this year for want of Decked Vessells to convey our Masters raw silke and peece goods after the Moonsoones is [*a word lost*] into that roade.

Wee doe not hear you have done any thing about the 26 iron Gunns of the $Comp^{as}$: wee formerly wrote you about wee againe recommend it [to you] to put them of in truck or any wayes according to the $Comp^{as}$: orders which you are acquainted with that soe they may ly on hands noe longer.

Wee have rec^d: noe Copies of your Charges grāl this year as ought to have been sent us at w^{ch}: wee wonder since though Tho: Bremley was lame at y^e: latter end of y^e: year he might have gotten ready by y^e: end of May wee doe admonish him to follow his business closer and to leave of those bad courses wee are given to understand [*a few words lost*] or wee shall by y^e: next ships [*a line lost*] it wee would faine entertaine hopes of his reclaimeing and [*a few words lost*] and should be very glad to finde y^t: y^e: hand of God lately upon him had wrought a real change in him.

Ere wee finnished came to hand yours of y^e: 18th: $curr^{tt}$: wee note y^e: quantity of y^e: sev^{ll}: provisions and packing stuffe you had rec^d: from y^e: two

Boraes and shall talke with y^e^: Mangees for what [*a word frayed away*] at their comeing up wee call not elce to minde save y^t^: wee are:

Wee enorder you to laden on the Lilly eight or tenn of y^e^: Comp^as^: greatest anchors there and fill her up with good Cooreaes we haveing occasion for many of them Id: M: V:
E: L:
F: E:

Your loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^R^: THOMAS NEVINSON. HUGLY 19TH: FEBRUARY 168⁰⁄₁.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board y^e^: sloope Lilly and wth y^e^: first oppertunity of wind and tide to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course for y^e^: most speedy attaineing y^e^: Port of Ballasore where when it shall please God to arrive you in safe[ty] you are to goe on shoare carrying our packet herewith dd you unto M^r^: John Byam &c^a^: Councell there to whom we refer you for your further disposall soe wish you a good voyage and remaine:

Your loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^R^: JOHN BYAM &C^A^: HUGLY 19TH: FEBRUARY 168⁰⁄₁.

Loveing Freinds

Our last to you was of the 16th Curr^tt^: ℘ sloope Lilly when sent you on y^e^: s^d^: sloope sundry goods amounting as ℘ Invoyce to enclosed in our s^d^: letter to Rupees 18509: 9¾^as.^ to which refer you.

Since (upon enquire) we finde y^e^: peon Mirdao & boatemen y^t^: went hence on y^t^: Saltpetre boate ceized on by y^e^: Rajah of Zimmendar of Conka returned all hither soe y^t^: wee have had soe many of them as is convenient before our Cozzee here who have wittnessed sufficiently in y^e^: enclosed Paper attested or chauped by our Cozzee to invallidate w^t^ ever y^e^: Zimmendar saies denying to have ceized [*a word lost*] s^d^: boate and 1400 m^ds^: twice boiled petre, we therefore send it to [you] by y^e^: s^d^: peon aforesaid and a draught of a Mahzur w^ch^: on y^e^: peons [*a line lost*] and as many as may be will put their chaupes or seale to wittnessing y^e^: same this done keepe y^m^: both by you till wee can hear and have further orders [*a word or two lost*] from y^e^: Agent and Councell which is all at present from:

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^R^: FYTCH NEDHAM &C^A^: HUGLY 24TH: FEBRUARY 168⁰⁄₁.

Loveing Freinds

Wee have not written you since y^e^: 11th: of December last haveing been busy and indisposed ever since that tyme wee now come to answer your sev^lls^: of the 27th: 9bre: not then fully spoken unto and of the 9th: 11th: 12th: 15th: and 30th: X^bre^: togather w^th^: y^t^: of y^e^: 7th: Curr^tt^: all rec^d^: since our last abovesaide to you.

Wee are glad at last that our silver sold we very wel approved of your caution therein though could one of you have been [spared] to have steped over to Rojamaule y^{e} : dispute would have long before ended and all y^{e} : plate sold wee hope y^{e} : essaies you made to y^{e} : mint to w^{ch} : you obleidged your selfes to stand for y^{e} : fineness of your plate were y^{e} : great ones of 93^{ras} w^{et} and not of 1^{Re} or 5^{Rs} w^{et} : in w^{ch} : there is great deceit wee fear your Podaur has not done his duty in that concern (he knowing y^{e} : business of y^{e} : Mint well) but rather sided with the buyer in such cases where your [*sic*] find it soe the Cheife has liberty of changing him or any other servant either in the ffactory or under his inspection.

Our stock being much exhausted by y^{e} : great quantitys of goods sent from Bengall this year wee could not supply you as wee desired nor ever shall be able except y^{e} : Comp^{a} : please to send a double stock w^{ch} : they seem inclinable to assoone as they shall find their affaires settled here and y^{t} : y^{e} : Country continues peacable in y^{e} : interim wee are glad to find what we ghessed would be soe y^{t} : your Weavours upon y^{e} : encouragem^{t} : you have already given them and your fair & just usage of y^{m} : in your last years winding up of your bussiness there are all bent up of makeing goods required by you well knowing y^{t} : though they can never make such a quantity of goods as wee want thence yet where they are content and provide Materialls the full investm^{t} : may wth : the more facillity and greater expedition be perfected as wee hope though wee could not supply you soe early as wee would and cannot yet wth : soe much as you desire it will [*half a line lost*] brought to pass.

Your Diary &c^{a} : for the M^{o} : October was rec^{d} : with yours of y^{e} : 27 : 9bre

The goods you advise to have sent in yours of the 9th : and 11th : X^{bre} : came all safe and two Invoyces of them followed with the subsequent adress dated y^{e} : 12th : & 15th of ditto M^{o} : and they are all dispeeded for England where wee hope they will give content when compared wth : y^{e} : Decca Mustars of 1679 w^{ch} : are gone home with them with a note in our Genll : letter to the Comp^{a} : to y^{e} : purpose wee opened none of your goods for want of time soe could not alter the ticket on y^{e} : foot Mustar of seerbunds.

Cassumbuzar Factory being as you know a place of much business wee judged that Saml : Pines would be of greater necessity there than wth you which made us order him there you must make what shift you can with w^{t} : you have all factorys being very bare of good assistance till the Comp^{a} : shall think fit to supply us as they this and last year have been solicited to doe.

Your Diary for M^{o} : X^{bre} is come to hand wth : your last of the 7th : Curr^{tt} :

Wee herewith returne you M^{r} : Jonathan Prickman whome wee enorder to officiate as second of your factory and wee have ordered M^{r} : Saml : Antony to come with him from Cassumbuzar to be Warehousekeeper and accordingly require you to deliver those sevll : charges to them and then send M^{r} : Trenchfeild to us to his Pursers place appointed him here in their charge we have taken order from Cassumbuzar y^{t} : you be supplyed wth : about 50000^{rs} : for your investm^{ts} : it will come we hope in specie to you and in such money as is current among your Weavers whereby and your provident menage wee question not but ye whole investm^{t} : desired from y^{or} : factory may be indifferently well secured.

On one boate wee have dispeeded sevlls : to you among which are ffactors stores and things for presents all am^{ot} : as ℘ Invoyce inclosed to 10574 ^{rupees} which give us Credd^{tt} : for.

You have not advised us a word about y^{e} : Saltpetre business at Porcunnia though you promissed it long since wee would faine if it could be have an investment there of y^{t} : Commodity y^{t} : wee might wholly depend for it from Pattana wee meeting of late with soe great stops and troubles there wee have therefore with M^{r} : Prickman sent Cojah Ally Berdy Beague y^{e} : Armenian y^{t} : brought y^{e} : Kings Phyrmaund to us from Dilly whom you may joine with some experienced Jentue writer and send them with a small present to y^{t} : place to be given as occasion may require their

business is to make good enquiry what quantity of Petre may be got at what rate y[e]: charge of bringing it thence and y[e]: best way of bringing it free from Embarques &c[ca]: [*a word or two lost*] and then to returne and [*a line lost*] care about it wee have made the Armenians wages at 15[rs]: ℔ m°: and advanced two M[os]: pay to him here and you are to continue it to him as well as that of y[e]: Jetue [*sic*] servant whom you are to agree [*a word lost*] y[e]: best you can for wages and joine them in Cōmission to act jointly in their concern wee cannot but press you to put this business forward what you can since if it does hit it will be of exceed [*sic*] good import to the Hon[ble]: Compa[as]: affaires in those partes.

Wee doe appoint henceforward y[t]: y[e]: residence of Rojamaule be wholly under your inspection and that you pay the wages of y[e] Vacqueele &c[a]: necessary expences of that place w[ch]: you are to see y[t]: they be done w[th]: all frugallity the Vacqueele writes y[t]: y[e]: tymber and plancks sent us was paid for at Cassambuzar soe that you are to remand w[t]: money you sent thither lately on that Acco[tt]: only you are to allow the Vackqueeles wages &c[a]: from y[e]: begining of 9[bre]: last there unto and y[e]: rest receive back as abovesaide and pray have an eye over the Vacqueele there who has possibly taken too much liberty while he hung between Cassumbuzar and your ffactory.

At the request of a freind here wee have paide 1490[rs] out of our M[rs]: Cash here and enorder you to pay it there into their Cash againe adviseing us thereof ℔ your next, wee call not elce to mind save y[t]: wee are:

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M[R]: JOB CHARNOCK &C[A]: HUGLY 24TH FEBRUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing Freinds

Our last to you was dated the 20th: ultimo since w[ch]: wee have not written you though there are some things requireing our notice and advice in your sev[lls]: of 30th: & 31th X[bre]: last the 13th: and 25th: January and 9th: Curr[tt]: rec[d]: the last M°: and this whose answer has been protracted longer then ordinary by other more pressing business & after that by indisposition of body.

The sev[ll]: goods as you advise in yours of the 17th: X[bre]: were all rec[d]: and are since shiped of for England the last Invoyce of your goods alsoe followed with that of the 31th ditto M°: w[th]: two copies of your Diary and Consultation bookes &c[a]: papers as you therein mentioned but wee want one Copie of your Charges Grall for Last year w[ch]: will be necessary to be sent:

Cojah [Evaitoola's] letter w[ch]: was sent you by y[e]: Cheife wee understand [*a few words lost*] he have long since rec[d]: [*a few words lost*] answer thereto [*a line lost.*]

Wee are glad of M[r]: Job Charnocks safe arrivall to his station on Xmass day last wishing good success in that Cheifship M[r]: Littleton arrived hither the 12th: ultimo who brought y[e]: Silver Scales and w[ets]: of which wee haveing noe other shall have yearly use for here you cannot want y[m]: soe much as you say because you have a very good beame there wherewith for the whole time of his Cheifship in Cass[r]: w[ch]: was upwards of six yeares and most of y[e]: Comp[as]: treasure to that factory the Cheife now here had noe other Scales but those now w[th]: you to weigh it all nor did he ever find them faulty nor are thy [*sic*] now wee shall henceforward send you up y[e]: silver weighed ℔siccaes as well as well as ℔ Invoyce out of England wee are very glad you have given on y[e]: November bund whereby you have secured y[e]: silke the best of y[e]: year wee note you vissitted and were civilly entreated by Mahmud Moraud and that you should take an oppertunity to waite on Bulchund alsoe whome then you may present according to custome they not haveing yet been presented.

Wee rec^{d} : y^{e} : Grall from Pattana accompanyed by yours of y^{e} : 13th : ult^{o} : if y^{e} : peon you detained be a Cossidd from thence then pray returne him with our accomp^{a} : advises for that place if he be a servant then let him proceed on a boate of sev^{lls} : sent for Pattana to take y^{e} : more care of her in y^{e} : way and let him have a M^{o} : wages before hand or soe adviseing thereof thither of it and let him proceed to y^{e} : boate which he will find between this and Mirdaudpore :

Wee perceive that y^{e} : Dying materialls came safe to you and note y^{t} : sev^{ll} : came short in weight it not differing very much may be attributed to y^{e} : sev^{lls} : being sent out of great weights in slight dry Cask things soe heavy requireing such as are iron bound and strong as those none of them were y^{e} : voyage and this being the last part the yeare y^{e} : oftener subject to damage by romageing soe that what they come short must be written that their Acco^{tt} : may stand right in your bookes.

Wee have very little fine green in y^{e} : house get what wee can [Wee] shall send you with the other goods hereundermentioned and least you shall want shall supply you with a peece of ordinary green which came out very good this year and except in extrordinary cases will suply the place of fine green lookeing ere won [*sic*] almost as well.

The newes you write of Sultan Mossund wee have from [*a word lost*] of Sultan [Eck] barr who on the day of the [*a word lost*] fought his father the whole day and the [*a few words lost*] saies they [*a few words lost*] equall termes the truth of [*a few words lost*] things time will [*a few words lost*] wee soe long as Shasteh Caune continues in Bengall he will be well able by his interest and great treasure to keep those kingdoms in peace and quiet which wee fear Hindostan will not long enjoy especially near Dilly or where y^{e} : King shall take up his residence.

The Warehouse employment being vacant wee doe enorder y^{t} Mr Sam^{ll} Antony proceed thither to take y^{t} employm^{t} upon him and that Tho. Hill doe take upon him the place of Purser or disburser of the charges of your factory of Cassumbuzar.

On 8 : boates wee have sent you sev^{lls} : among which are things for presents and factors stores amounting as ꝑ Invoyce inclosed to Rupees 43583 : 11^{a} : 9^{p} : the 2 Chests silver wee enorder you to sell immediately and to send their produce with rup^{s} : 35000 which wee hereby enorder you to take up at interest for y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Acco^{tt} : all being agreed to be such money as is Curr^{tt} : to y^{e} : Weavers at Maulda that is to say weighty money in charge of M^{r} : Jona Prickman and M^{r} : Sam^{ll} : Antony to Maulda consigned to M^{r} : Fytch Nedham &c^{a} : there for the Comp^{as} : Acco^{tt} : this wee press you to use what expedition you can in geting performed.

M^{r} : Thredder haveing in a ꝑticuler letter desired leave to come downe upon a matrimoniall Acco^{tt} : wee give him licence for a time you enordering some other of the Comp^{as} : servants in the factory to take charge and care of his business in his absence.

Yours of y^{e} : 23th : is come to hand with your Diary &c^{a} : as you therein advise, wee call not elce to minde save that wee are :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^{R} : SAMUELL HERVY &C^{A} : HUGLY 24TH : FEBRUARY 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing Freinds

Our last to you was dated y^{e} : 24th : X^{bre} : since w^{ch} : wee have rec^{d} : only one from you of the 11th : ditto y^{e} : 21st : following togather wth : your bookes of Acco^{tts} : signed as in your postscript you advise of y^{e} : Invoyce of your sev^{ll} : Goods dispeeded

to us from your factory this year alsoe came therewith as alsoe your Diary for the M°: November and two Copies of whole years Diary for England and y^{e}: Coast as alsoe your letters to Cassumbuzar.

[Wee admire] wee have not heard from your in soe long [*a line lost*] it considering the sev^{ll}: things of import depending with you ꝑticularly y^{e} [presents] for clearing us from paying y^{e}: yearly present of Rup^{s}: 300 in y^{t}: port the retrevieing the 1500 Rup^{s}: paid y^{e}: late Governour here y^{e}: quashing of Shaubauz Caunes pretences and sending us the Mahzur or certificate about it &c^{a}: w^{ch}: wee expect daily an Acco^{tt}: from you concerning.

On a boate wee have sent you sev^{ll}: goods among w^{ch}: are some things for presents and ffactors stores all amounts to Rup^{s}: 153 : 5^{a} as ꝑ inclosed Invoyce appears if your marketts will dispose of any Copper plates tinne Lead Vermillion Quicksilver or broad cloth y^{e}: last worth 5^{r} or 5^{rs}: 8^{a} ꝑ yard here pray advise us that wee may supply you wee have a quantity of Brimstone alsoe came out of England this year w^{ch}: if you can dispose of wee would send you part off.

Wee have 41 iron Gunns here w^{ch}: carry from 4 to 6^{lb} iron shot according to y^{e}: note inclosed but they many of them belonging to ꝑticuler men here the Honble: Comp^{as}: being generally smaller they would be at some certainty both y^{t}: they shall be sold and at what rate ere they will adventure them to Decca where they fear otherwise they may ly many years unsold if you can make a bargaine for them all or part there to be paid on delivery there they shall as you advise be sent you: they are worth 8^{rs} ꝑ md̃ here and more will be expected there besides those Gunns abovesaide: there are sev^{ll}: that carry lesser shot and one whole Culverin that carrys a shot of 18^{lb}: and if they are desired and agreed for may come with y^{e}: rest.

Wee have nothing elce to add till can hear from you rem^{a}:

Your Loveing Freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.

M^{R}: George Peacock &c^{A}: Hugly 24th: February 168$\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing Freinds

Our last to you was dated y^{e}: 10th: 9bre: last since which wee have rec^{d}: your sev^{lls}: of the 31th: October y^{e}: 3^{d}: 14th and 26th November of the 14th: X^{bre}: and 4th and 13th ultimo all which had sooner been answered but hindred by business and as alsoe there being noe absolute necessity for it you haveing had soe great a suply for [your] investm^{ts}: [wee] early remitted you.

Wee note what answer M^{r}: Peacock [*a few words lost*] about y^{e}: want in the [*a few words lost*] the same wee have had from every one elce and is transmitted hence to the Honble: Comp^{a}:

The foule ballance of your bookes comes herewith [The forme] for Consultations will come ꝑ the next being still copying out and all ready to two Copies.

That these two bales N°: 3 : 4 sent you hence by M^{r}: Read in the Cheifs absence at the Princes Court at Decca y^{e}: 16th: July 1678 for Perpetuannoes to q^{t}: 34 : ꝑ^{s} came out on opening Cloth Rashes and q^{t}: noe more then 20 ꝑ^{s}: you must send an attestation of with y^{e}: reason why they could not be opened veiwed and advised of sooner then now your charges grall belonging to Journall lre X is recd:

The bill for 75^{rs} drawn on you by our Vacqueele at the Emperors Court wee enorder you to pay if not already discharged but noe more untill he shall send us an Acco^{tt}: of his proceedings there on the sev^{ll}: businesses wee have recommended to

him and an Acco^{tt}: how his expences rise both which wee have pressed him to and expect his complyance ere wee disburse any more money wee find noe such thing as you write about an Aidees being sent to enquire into y^{e}: truth of y^{e}: abuses you suffered from your late Nabob Seif Caune soe till hear further about it can say little in it your Diary &c^{a}: for M^{o}: October came with yours of y^{e}: 3^{d}: November goods when sent hence to your factory are to be sold at your Market rate but where restrictions are made, what rarities wee have you will find you have your share of as alsoe of ffactors stores though wee well hoped what sent last season would have lasted two years.

Assistance wee can spare none from any factory in Bengall they being all bare your third has not soe much worke but he may well goe through wth: it nor your bookes of Acco^{tts}: soe long but your second may write over 4 or 5 pair of y^{m}: a year.

The Turmericke came downe late y^{s}: year wee hope all your goods will be more timely y^{e}: next and wee cannot but reminde you of dispeeding them in convenient parcells as they come in and not let them ly as has been usa[] practice [?] to the great prejudice of the Honble: Comp^{a}: to come all at a lump.

Wee conceive those people that formerly bought Saltpetre at Pattana will doe noe more soe tis true they sold it well to y^{e}: Comp^{a}: [*a few words lost*] little or nothing of it went of soe that they are utterly disencouraged from [undertaking] any more in that commoddity.

Wee gave orders to Cassumbuzar to send those Copper panns sent out of England for your factory up to you and suppose it is done & wee recommend it to you y^{t} our Masters petre henceforward be according to their desires and expectation.

The Turmerick boate togather wth: 660 bags Turmerick brought us alsoe 62 bags Saltpetre am^{ot}: as ꝑ Invoyce to Rup^{s}: 843 : 1^{a}: 11^{p} wee doe enorder you on all such goods to put even mds. into each bag and no odd sears they never apearing here and are better being small matters kept behinde then as they thus are lost by y^{e}: way your bookes a second paire of them came with yours of y^{e}: 26th: 9bre: the Cash booke wee have [no] occasion of you sending you sending it monthly with your Diary to which hereafter let it alwaies be annexed not apart as hitherto the writeing every one of your pair of bookes is a weekes worke and may be done by a very slow writer in 10 daies w^{ch}: makes us admire at M^{r}: Peachys Carelessness in not sending us a pair to ly in this office all this while wee expect a pair and order him if not already done to hasten a pair to us.

The keeping on good choise made and correcting or dischargeing of serv^{ts}: on faults found out is ye Cheifs business as well as the Governm^{t}: of his respective factory and wee recommend it to him to use this priviledg wth: y^{t}: moderation as will become him and be most for the Honble: Comp^{as}: advantage in your factoryes.

Wee hope this years petre will make good what you promise tis to its holding out in goodness and weight w^{ch}: wee earnestly press to you and y^{t} you may have noe more checks from our Honble: Employers in those respects, your Diary &c^{a}: for M^{o}: 9bre: arrived wth: yours of y^{e}: 14th: X^{bre}:

Wee are glad to hear you have soe large an investm^{t}: in petre, already and note w^{t}: you write as to a farther supply you will now have an opertunity wth: meeting wth: about 35000^{Rs} there which receive and draw on us by bill and wee shall satisfy it to y^{e}: concerned in this place or at Cassumbuzar.

Your Diary &c^{a}: for M^{o}: December came wth: yours of y^{e}: 13th: ultimo what kind of Gunns your Duan wants wee cannot well understand by your letter therefore desire you to be more plaine adviseing us how many Gunns he wants and w^{t}: the shot of each must be at about what weight each peece is required to be and then wee may fitt him alsoe he must send a [ꝑwanna] [*a few words lost*] great boat or two or three [*a line lost*] it must be drawn up soe as it may clear them this port of Hugly and all the way hence to Pattana Rajamaule and all the which get done and send on receit of w^{ch}: ye gunns as desired shall [proceed].

You should have sent us two bookes of Charges Grall w^{ch}: wee still expect and at y^e: end the whole should be summed up M^o:ly as enordred by y^e: Agent and Councell when here which pray let be done y^t: y^e: expence of the whole year may be seen there at one veiw wee want alsoe two Copies your Diarys w^{ch}: wee must blame you for and enorder you to send them away by y^e: first and let every one of you soe set to it that nothing may be behinde hand [this] year now drawing nigh to a conclusion.

On a Pattelloe and an Oolock wee have dispeeded sundry goods among w^{ch}: are ffactors stores and things for presents am^{ot}: as ℘ inclosed Invoyce to Rup^s: 21121 : 8^a : 9^p for w^{ch}: give our $Acco^{tt}$: $Curr^{tt}$: $Credd^{tt}$:

On examination wee find y^e: Perpetuannoes sent hence to Pattana y^e: 16th: July 1678 were marked S. N°: 1 : 2 : 4 : 5 and the Cloth Rashes R N°: 1 : 2 : 3 : 4 y^e: latter wee have received all 4 bales of y^e: former only two No: 1 : 2 : if y^e: two remaineing bales came Rashes and soe many peeces less Invoyced for Perpetuanoes you are to advise for it is not very manifest by your letter of y^e: 31th: October last whether on opening those bales of goods you found two bales of Rashes instead of two bales Perpetuanoes or whether you did not receive those two bales Perpetuanoes No: 4 : 5 Pray advise us puctually [*sic*] hereof and as it was rectify y^e: mistake in your bookes there as wee shall doe here which is all at present from:

dispeeded y^e: 1st: March. Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^R: JOB CHARNOCK &C^A: HUGLY MARCH 6TH $168\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing freinds

Our last was dated y^e: 24th ultimo wherein wee omitted w^t wee had y^n: intended and now desire $y^{\smile}$: you doe send us y^e: ballance of Jessooda Nunduns $Acco^{tt}$: and if you have even dd y^e: same that you pass it to $Acco^{tt}$: $Curr^{tt}$: y^t: soe wee may settle his $Acco^{tt}$: here there being some goods w^{ch}: they have sent hither and are intending to provide hence y^e: Hummums and Addaties enordred desire you to call for y^e: [*a few words lost*] and enorder him to send an exprest [*a few words lost*] hither y^t: wee may know w^t: he hath done [*nearly a line lost*] further order [*nearly a line lost*] of y^t: part of y^e: saide investment which wee intend into his hands.

It is alsoe time now to be provideing of white silke of Seerpore therefore wee enorder you to be takeing care therefore and wee conceive y^t: Jessooda Nundun y^t: hath done it for sev^{ll}: years may best ℘forme y^e: same and therefore enorder y^t: he be employed therein accordingly as heretofore wee remaine:

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M^R: JOHN BYAM &C^A: HUGLY THE 7TH: MARCH $168\frac{0}{1}$.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was dated the 19th: February and the 16th: ditto wee wrote you by the sloope Lilly w^{ch}: wee have sent hence towards you w^{th}: sundry goods amounting to Rupeis 18509–$9^a_{\frac{3}{4}}$ to w^{ch}: wee referr you.

The 27th : ultimo wee recd : yours of the 23th : ditto togather wth : the Invoyce of Cooreaes for wh : Amount &ca : as you advise wee shall give your factory Creddtt :

Copie of your charges genll : came alsoe with your last Letter abovementioned but it according to use and as the order is genlly : understood should be noe farther then to the end of Aprill at which time your bookes of Accotts : are ballanced by the next you shall have the method of a Diary sent us out of England, at present wee rest :

Your Loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.

MR : SAMUEL HERVY &CA : HUGLY THE 25TH : MARCH 1681.

Loveing freinds

wee have not heard from you a long season at wch : wee much admire especially at such a time as this when the governmt : of the whole empire seemes to ly in dispute between the father and sonn who wee hear though not from you has lately rebelled against him as well as in respect of those sevll : pherwannaes for our Masters free trade in Bengall &ca : papers of less import soe long depending wth : you wch : wee conceive did require your utmost endeavours to expedite as well as from time to time to advise us what progress you make therein togather wth : the reason of their delay nor would wee have the originall phyrmaund Neshaune and pherwannaes lie out of this factory longer then of absolute necessity.

This comes at the earnest request of Mellick Cassim our phousdarr here who haveing some hopes of obtaineing the management of the customes of this port to be added [to ?] his other Government required us to give you order about it that you should move at in his behalfe to Hodgee zoffee Caune as well as at [Kings] Durbarr as occasion may be our order therefore herein is, that if you finde likely to prevaile of wth : wee require you to get [*a line lost*] in person goes to the Duans and Rays Durbarrs and speak effectually in his behalfe wee being more [*a word or two lost*] he being already [your] Phousdarr that he should attaine that place rather [then *a word or two lost*] but if you see his interest not soe great but that coja Evaitoola is like to keep the employ then you are not to appear wee being well content with the substitute Colluck Beague here but you are to impede Allec Nuckee [*sic*] what you can should he endeavour for the place since excepting him (whose perfidiousness and enmity to us in the time of his late Government wee too much experienced) wee shall as wee hope be very well able to deal with any that may be appointed thereto, wee remaine :

Your Loveing freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

MR : FYTCH NEDHAM &CA : HUGLY 25TH : MARCH 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our last to you was dated 24th : ultimo since which the 13th : curr tt : wee recd : yours of the 5th : ditto togather with your Diary for the Mo : of January by which wee finde you had taken up sevll : sumes of money for the compas : Accott : to begin their investments of this year there though wee shall not much disaprove of the thing done yet wee cannot but blame you for first adviseing us that noe money could be had there at interest and then takeing it up without our Licence concurrence or at Least not adviseing us thereof assoone as done for our aproveall which in all such cases it is necessary for you to have and wee now give hopeing this was an error committed rather through mistake then any other reason.

From Cassumbuzar in charge of Jonathan Prickman and Samuell Antony there was sent rupies 51000 which you may discharge your sevll : sumes taken up at interest & further your investmt : wth : the remainder.

We admire Jonathan Prickman should be soe long as 11 daies goeing up hence to Cassumbuzar and expect a reason of it from him it seeming more culpable in him who had already soe much exceeded his time of absence from his station wee hope he made more hast from Cassumbuzar thither, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

Wee herewith send you copie of the Maddapollam Diary for your immitation in keeping of that in your factory.

MR: JOHN BYAM &CA:

HUGLY 25TH: MARCH 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was of the 7th: instant wee have since on the 14th: and 20th: recd: yours of the 8th: and 16th: ditto wee are sorry the Rajah of Concha has taken noe more notice of our Letter to him wee expect that either his ship will be mett wth: at the Coast or some order be [taken about] him here.

Wee [*a word lost*] ℘ our next to the ffort acquainte the Agent and Councell wth: your [*a few words lost*] &ca: Merchants dealing wth: the interlopers and awaite their orders [*a few words lost*] wth: them both for this and their not [*a few words lost*] ding to their bargaine wth: the [*a word or two lost*] last year here in the interim wee enorder you to be makeing up receiveing and paying the ballance of your Marchants Accotts: as well as that of Chintamundsaw whome wee enorder you in the fairest way you can and wth: the greatest expedition to get clear of and employ noe more since if he has money of Russeed Caunes in his hand to trade with all are in danger should he faile that have had to doe with him Nabob Russeed Caun being a powerfull man and the most rapacious one of them in this Empire as fully seen in his dealing with Abdull Backry a few years since and all that the saide Abdull Backry could any waies pretend owed him anything.

Wee take notice of what wanting in the Quicksilver sent you wch: much admire at since the Chests were all as the Warehousekeepers affirmes outwardly well conditioned and came this year wanting you must recharge as alsoe the Broad cloth 2 yards as you mention though as you had it Invoyced it came to us from the fort.

Such paper as is in the house wee have sent you wt: wee deemed enough for your occasion and your bookes not being volluminous wee suppose the paper sent for Dutch Demy is Large enough for the ink wee are ill stored wth: our selfes the stock that came out this year being all spoiled.

Vermillion and Quicksilver have been druggs many years in those partes to keepe them therefore by you unsold except you have any prospect that either or both will rise wee cannot think it for the Honble: Compas: advantage wherefore enorder you to dispose of ym: (with an eye to the restriction abovesaide) the best you can.

Wee are takeing your Accotts: of errors into consideration and shall suddenly advise you what to doe therein wee have recd: Copie of your Diary &ca. for the Mo: September to the last Mo: inclusive and have now sent you a Copie of the Maddapolam Diary to which according to the Compas: orders wee enorder you to conform yours for the future.

It appearing to us hear that Mr: Bugden charged himselfe by a mistake with more Broad cloth then really was or discharged himselfe by Lesse and soe carried it off erroneously by Heirasaw wee enorder you to write off.

Wee cannot tell what to say to what you write about the Kings Duans of Orixaes Liveing in Antonia De Goes house deceased because you perticularize nothing though we are very sensable how ill a neighbour he is to you as alsoe indifferently well perswaded of Van De Hemells mischeifous intent in Letting it to him the Directore here tells us he will suddenly remove as Van De Hemell writes him which wee

hope will terminate this dispute and that wee shall not have occasion to hear any more of it, the sloope [Lilly] wee doe not yet hear of but hope wee shall suddenly, wee remaine:

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

MR: JOB CHARNOCK &CA:

HUGLY 25TH: MARCH 16[8 0/1].

Loveing freinds

Our last to you was dated the 6th: Currtt: and [we have] [*a few words lost*] 19th: the 16th: and 22th: ditto the Diary for Mo: february we have recd: [*a word or two lost*] who in a few daies will be returning to you.

Wee take notice what you write about the Scales, the pattana Cossidd the dying materialls comeing short as alsoe Tho: Hill's haveing taken the employment of Charges genll: keeper from Samuell Antony wee hope the eight boates ladeing of goods Last sent hence will on examination come out right.

Wee observe your sale of the two Chests of treasure and that wth: the produce thereof wth: a supply out of the Cash there you have dispeeded rupies 51,000 to Maulda according to our orders your factory being at noe great distance from this you may quickly advise your necessity for money for the enordred investments there and you may soe timely foresee as that noe time may be Lost in your getting orders hence how to proceed.

As wee wrote in our Last soe expect that you write of the ballance of Jessoodanunduns Accott: to our Accott. Curtt: the Accott: of his late disposall of any part of which wee shall take here assoone as Soozanund comes whome wee expect daily wee cannot be of your opinion yt: it should seem strange to any that white cloth should not be provided in a factory whose investment and manufacture is silke it was ordred there never but the Last year on the Cheifes being abroad settleing Maulda Factory and haveing business wth: the Princes people at Cassumbuzar the ending of which he doubted would have cost much more time then it did there by which he thought he should not be time enough back to make it from hence nor had he any assistance then here who were able and willing to doe it for him but now the Cheif is here with better assistance then last year it is not thought convenient wee remaine altogather unemployed haveing nothing but Romalls now to be provided here it being our desire to draw as much business to this place it being the Cheif factory as wee can which is not appropriated by the Compa: or prescription of time to any of the Subordinate ones wee question not in the interim but you will finde the business of Cassumbuzar factory if well done employment sufficient for your hands and heads too it differing vastly from that of Pattana in every respect.

Wee would know the names of those persons you would have chose to provide the white China Silke this season and rejected Jessoodanundun who being tried [*a word lost*] thought might best be continued though wee did not absolutely confine you to him alone though think it best soe Least many people in one Arrung should make the goods dear to which may be added that being some of us better exprienced [*sic*] in the business of Cassumbuzar then the present Cheif is wee thought it not inconvenient to point him to this affaire which has been brought to the perfection it is now at with noe small trouble and expence nor can he if he will rightly understand the thing in reason take it amiss what wee doe in such cases being upon mature deliberation and what wee judge to be for the best proceeding of our Masters affaires in those partes.

Assoone as your silke of November bund is near come in wee enorder you to advise us thereof the Cheif intending god granting him health to come up and help to looke over and prise it with you.

Wee herewith send you a Copie of the Maddapollam Diary recommended to us and [*a line lost.*]

The person in whose charge the ffactory of Hugly was left in the Cheifes absence (was able) tho not soe able as the Cheife himselfe to make the investment of Hummums and Addaties neither was he ever unwilling to act in any thing of his Hon[ble]: Masters business:

FRANCIS ELLIS.

The Objection was not made against his willingness but abillitys which are it seemes better known to himselfe then to most people.

Your Loveing freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

M[R]: SAMUEL HERVY &C[A]: HUGLY 31TH: MARCH 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was dated the 25th: Curr[tt]: at the earnest request of Mellick Cassim to w[ch]: wee referr you this comes to give you advice in what places of Bengall sev[ll]: Zimmendarrs &c[a]: have stoped our Masters &c[a]: goods this Moonsoone and taken sev[ll]: sumes of money of our Gomostehs imployed in the sev[ll]: Orungs or manufactures of Serepore Marcha Goorgaut and their adjacencies as alsoe at Sautapore and its neighbouring townes for all w[ch]: wee referr you to the note of perticulers inclosed stricktly enjoyning you on receit thereof to endeavour to get our money returned and effectuall pherwannaes to prevent the like in the future for if this time wee cannot get remidy the next Moonsoon in all likelihood they will exact more money and stop our Masters goods longer then they dared to doe this.

Accompanying this comes a Copie the Maddapollam Diary enordred to us by the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: as an example to keepe ours by and wee doe the same to you.

In ours of the 4th: December last wee gave you order to send us a transcript of your Letter being M[r]: Hervy's full defence &c[a]: wee haveing been necessitated for want of assistance to send it's originall to the fort without keeping a copie of it our register here wee doe still confirme our order and expect it ℘ the next after receit of those, wee remaine:

Your Loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.

An Acco[tt]: of what stops put on the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: goods and money taken from their Gomostehs or Countrey factors in the sev[ll]: Arrungs or manufactures in Bengall Viz[t]:

	RS.	AS.	P.
Bulram Soor Chowdry of Amrowle Purgana ...	35 :	– :	–
Joy Herry Chowdry of Barhuttee Purgana ...	40 :	– :	–
Herram Ray the Gomosteh of Ramkisna Ray in Buttowrea Purgana	40 :	– :	–
Gossindas Ezaurdaur of Hodgee Rahattee ...	11 :	8 :	–
Ramkisna Ray himselfe	15 :	– :	–
Mellick Soontoosse Gomosteh of ditto Ramkisna at Mahgoola Chowly	10 :	– :	–
Roodur Ray of Nuddea	200 :	– :	–
as alsoe has raised his imposition on cloth from 1[a]: to 3½ ℘ p[s]			
	351 :	8 :	–

Mir Narraine Ray alwaies stops the Comp[as] : goods in passing his government being Chowdry rumrumma Purgana :

P.S : What shall be wanting to bring those sev[lls] : to an issue wee enorder you to supply the Vacqueele with all frugallity as the nature of the things will bear yet not soe as to starve them but to the Vacqueele you are effectually to inculcate frugallity Idem M.V: E.L: F.E :

M[R] : George Peacock &c[A] : Hugly [Aprill *a word or two lost.*]

Loveing Freinds

Since our Last of the 24th : February wee have rec[d] : yours of the [*a word or two lost*] M[o] : and 14th : ultimo which wee shall give a full answer to in our next expecting suddenly our Masters Pattelloes with the quantity of saltpetre you mention in your Last aboves[d].

In charge of Samuell Meverell wee have now sent you 25 bales of Broadcloth each q[t] : 6 h[a] : p[s] : are 150 h[a] : p[s] : of which $\frac{2}{3}$ Red and $\frac{1}{3}$ Green which is a good proportion and hope may sell well it being now worth about 6[rs] ℘ yard and wee recommend it to you to put it of the best you can there where the waies being now stoped from Surratt wee doe not question but it will rise in proportion the cloth amounts as ℘ Invoyce inclosed to Rupies 8429 : $3\frac{1}{4}$[as] wee remaine :

Your Loveing Freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.

M[R] : Job Charnock &c[A] : Hugly 22[D] : Aprill 1681.

Loveing Freinds

Wee have rec[d] : yours of the 2[d] : and 15th : Curr[tt] : the latter 5 daies after the date the Peon haveing either staide there or loitered along by the way.

Wee know very well that it is high time to be makeing Musters of the March bund of tannee silke in reference to a new imprest of money thereon which makes us wonder the November bund should not yet be all in, the Cheif intends to be setting out hence towards you in three or four daies in the interim you may (haveing ℘fected the Musters of this bund as above hinted) be takeing up money at interest as you have occasion thereof and be giveing it out to those who have now complyed best and nearest with their contract whereby you may secure the saide bund.

The Errors in the Invoyces you mention shall be examined and rectified, wee are :

Your Loveing freinds

Matt[as] : Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.

M[R] : Job Charnock &c[A] : Mowlah 29th : Aprill 1680.

Loveing freinds

I am now arrived to this place whence I designe to come towards you to morrow after dinner some of the boates and Comp[a] : being behinde I desire you to send a Pallenkeen and Horses or other land conveyance for four persons I wish you health & remaine :

Your Loveing Freinds [*sic*]

Matthias Vincent.

MR: JOHN BYAM &CA: HUGLY 2D MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Yours of ye: 23th: ultimo wee have recd: and have transmitted its Coppie to the Worspll: Matthias Vincent &ca: Councell in Cassumbuzar yt: soe you may have wt: orders necessary if any such shall be touching your investmts:

Wee doe now you an Acco tt: of the differences are found between your factory bookes and ye: Accotts: here according whereto you may adjust them or advise about them as to your Accott: of Errors wee are unacquainted how they become such but suppose you will have directions about them shortly, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

HUGLY 2D MAY 1681.

Worspll: Sir &ca: Councell

Wee recd: Lately a grall from Ballasore Copie whereof wee herewth: transmitt you in regard it is of some concernmt: as to their investmts: wch: they desire your order and directions about their Accotts: of Errors between that factories Accotts: in these bookes and their bookes of Accotts: have of late been sent them but wee are unacquainted wth: the ₱sons and Accotts: of them that stand on Errors not knowing how they grew soe therefore could say nothing as to the adjusting them but suppose it must be done there where the Accotts: or ₱sons are or were.

Wee herewith alsoe send you two papers of differences between the bookes of Decca and Pattana factories and their Accotts: in the bookes of this factory which you may please to send to them for the rectifieing thereof, Wee remaine:

Wee this morning the 3d: recd: a genll: from Pattana which goes herewith.

Your Loveing freinds
& humble Servants

EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI TRENCHFEILD.

MR: GEORGE PEACOCK &CA: CASSUMBUZAR 13TH: MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was the 14th: ultimo since wch are come to hand yours of ye: 12th & 18th do: month to which and what in some former of yours wch: wee have not as yet spoken to wee shall now breifly answer as finde necessary.

Your sevll: Diarys &ca: are all come to hand as advised in your sevlls recd: Samll: Meverell arrived in Hugly with Mr: Peacocks Wife very sick the 9th: Aprill and was dispeeded thence in a few daies wee hope he may be now with you.

The Invoyce of Copper panns &ca: sent you formerly from Cassumbuzar shall be sent you from Hugly when the Cheif arrives thither he intending God willing to proceed this day.

The quantity of Turmerick limmitted by the Compa: you have formerly been advised of beyond wch: you must not buy and soe much wee hope you have taken [care] to secure.

The Vacqueeles letter wee recd: and shall answer as soon as wee can soe what he says to our last letter sent him.

The Compas: goods there you are to vend at the best rates you can, their Tinn comes deer out of England to us soe that it is noe wonder since it is fallen in those partes that the rates should seem excessive our order to you therefore is that you sell it the best and soonest you can upon other goods with you wee suppose noe losse can arrive the being most if not all in good demand with you.

It would be of good import that you sent down what quantity of Petre you have ready thence yearly in the very begining of January and if your Mahaune be shallow that you lade it on such boates as draw little water and may pass it at any time and in June or July another ℘cell may come down it being not safe that any Pattelloes soe laden as they genlly: are with saltpetre from Pattana should be on their way thence to Hugly in March Aprill or this Mo: these Mos: being genlly: gusty and tempestuous and therefore wee order you henceforth never to send any soe as to be on their way in any of the forementioned Monthes:

About the Gunns brasse and iron wee have fully instructed Saml: Meverell to whome in that affaire wee referr you.

Your bill Excha: drawn on Hugly for Rups: 20100 is remitted thither where it will be paide.

What brown petre any ℘sons shall send down to Hugly will never vend there except to us or the Dutch and there wee suppose such care will be taken as that it shall lie on hands.

What may be further requisite to advise about the Cloth Rashes and Perpetuanoes shall be done from Hugly those Accotts: being there.

Accompanying these wee send you a Coppie of the Maddapollam Diary which by forgetfullness was left behinde at Saml: Meverells proceeding from Hugly according to it you are enordred to frame and keep that of your factory enclosed alsoe comes a paper of differences in your Accotts: from ours which rectify wee call not else to minde save that wee are:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Job Charnock.

Mr: John Byam &ca: Cassumbuzar 13th: May 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was dated the 25th: March since which wee have recd: your sevlls: of the 14th: ditto Mo: and the 5th: and 23th: of last Month.

Mr: John Byam &ca: Cassumbuzr: 13th: May 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was dated ye: 25th: March since which wee have recd: your sevlls: of the 14th: ditto Month and ye: 5th: and 23th: ultimo.

The sevlls: you sent up by the sloope Lilly are recd: according to the Masters receit you inclosed to us whose Invoyce came to our hands wth: your next of the 5th: ultimo.

It is well you have got a Mahzur or certificate of the Rajah of Conchae's ceizeing the Honble: Compas: petre boate in a readyness as soon as wee have order from the Agency in that affaire wee may goe to worke with him, alsoe your geting clear of Chintamundsaw will doe exceeding well only wee wish he be not troublesome upon another accott: assoon as he shall find himselfe dismissed the employment.

What were our thoughts about the Duan of Orixae's being your neighbour and how you might doe in case of urgency or necessity has formerly been advised you to wch: referr you.

According to the orders left by the Agent and Councell when last there you might have been certaine you ought to have proceeded in makeing your contract with your Merchants there and wee suppose you have soe done since you cannot but well know that wee have not power except in case of some extrordinary exigence's to supersede those orders.

You being on the place must needs be best able to finde out in soe long time since they have remained in your bookes the Accott: of Errors therein and how to rectify them there is only Rajarams ℘cell which the Cheife by a paper under

deceased Mr : Marshalls own hand [*a word lost*] cheargeable to deceased Mr : Marshalls Accott : and therefore he has an Overseer of both the deceased [*a word or two lost*] desires Mr : Byam to make it good to the Honble : Compas : Cash and charge it to his perticuler Accott : wth : him the rest may be written off or continued as you shall find reason or best to be done.

Your Diary &ca : for the last Month is recd : which is all at present from :

The Cheife intends to leave Cassumbuzar where he has these thirteen daies this evening God willing.

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.

Mr : SAMUELL HERVY &ca : CASSUMBUZAR 13TH : MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was of the 31th : March and this is the third time wee have written you wth : out haveing recd : any from you your Last recd : being dated the 11th : December last if after this advice you take not warning and give us satisfaction in the sevll : concerns committed to your care and management you may expect [suddenly] to hear from us in another straine your idle slighting of our orders being [insufferable] inclosed wee send you a paper of differences between your Accotts : and ours [which] rectifie, wee remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.

Mr : EDWARD LITTLETON &ca. CASSUMBUZr : 13th MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Wee have recd : yours of the 2d : Currtt : wth : Coppie of a Genll : from [Ballasore] dated the 23th : ultimo and a Genll : from Pattana of the 18th : ditto Mo : both wch are answered and those papers of differences in Accotts : sent to Pattana and Decca wee have not else to add the Cheif intending God willing to set out hence this evening, wee remaine :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
JOB CHARNOCK.

Mr : FYTCH NEDHAM &ca : HUGLY 21th : MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Since your Last of the 12th : ultimo recd : dated the 2d : ultimo the Cheife has been at and returned from Cassumbuzar which partly occasioned our soe long silence wee are glad those goods sent on the four boates hence to your factory arrived in safety, on the other side of the Hoosbull Hookum sent us by Assatt Caune is Copie of the Kings Phyrmaund and as is mentioned in the said Hoosbull Hookum and it being soe good an expositor of the Phyrmaund which of itselfe would not appear otherwise soe well worded for our Masters advantage wee say in this respect it was thought better that Coppie should be first shown and the Phyrmaund being mentioned as enordred thereon and that paper chauped by the Asmeer Cozzee is as Authenticq as if chauped or attested apart & however if on shewing the other you shall finde a necessity thereof wee shall send you a Copie of the Phyrmaund soe chauped although wee have but one Copie left and the originall at Decca.

You were to blame in sending to the Mint and yet makeing essaies there not of 93rs : weight according as you were instruckted hence but of 2rs : weight which might have been done as well any where else and may possibly bring up a bad custome

at the Mint, wee are certaine by reason of such essaies (wee wanting assistance sufficient to send a ffactor to the Mint to see after the coinage according to the Comp^as^ : ord^rs^ : in that case) they have lost sufficiently by their silver this last year your Podaur and Vacqueele are soe faulty herein since the former especially for many years have been used to coining that wee think it very convenient they be both discharged the Comp^as^ : employ to deterr other servants from imposeing upon you though had you minded the orders and instructions sent you in that matter hence you might have directed instead of takeing advice some of them in those essaies of silver more fine then Rupies are made to burn away 2 Ruttees.

Wee are glad your knowledge as well as Credd^tt^ : in those partes increases and hope the investm^ts^ : will answer expectation.

Wee note the safe Arrivall of Jona Prickman &c^a^ : w^th^ : Rupies 51000 in Cash w^t^ : you may want to compleat the investm^t^ : of White cloth and coulored goods as enordred by the Honble : Comp^a^ : you must endeavour to take up at interest and give out with all due caution and in ꝑcell not altogather it being prudence not to have too much [investment] out in the Countrey at once but only such summes and by such degrees of giveing out and receiveing [in] as may best secure the sev^ll^ : goods [required] which wee cannot but earnestly recommend to your care.

M^r^ : Trenchfeild arrived hither the 24th : ultimo wee should be glad to hear from you about the saltpetre business at Porunnia and hope the Armenian may by this have sent some Acco^tt^ : of the feasableness thereof and pray send us Musters of the Turmerick &c^a^ : procurable there w^th^ : advice of w^t^ quantity's of each may yearly be had thence and at what time of the year cheapest to be bought.

Wee doe partly allow Jona : Prickmans excuse for his loitering by the way but advise him to make more hast in the future.

Your Diary &c^a^ : for M^o^ : February and March wee have rec^d^ : and remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^ : JOHN BYAM &C^A^ : HUGLY 21TH : MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Wee wrote you last from Cassumbuzar the 13th : instant whence the Cheife arrived hither the 17th : Curr^tt^ : and the same day rec^d^ : yours of the 23th : ditto M^o^ : it is strange Mahmud Cazzim should deny that he ever had any dealings with the Comp^a^ : it being well known to some of us that he has and how ill he complyed with his contract w^ch^ : was the reason that he did not continue, this debt of 80 ^rs^ : was for a p^s^ : of green broad cloth, sold him in June 1673 q^t^ 20 yardes at 4^rs^ : ꝑ: y^d^ : and you are accordingly to demand y^e^ : money of him.

Wee cannot give any order concerning the Zimmendarr of Conchae's shipp [till wee] have orders therein from the Agency wee haveing referred the thing thither in the interim wee desire you to watch her motions that w^n^ : order shall come wee may know where to meet with her.

Wee doe enorder you to rectifie your Acco^tts^ : exactly according to ye paper of differen[ces]sent you lately by M^r^ : Edward Littleton &c^a^ : hence you now takeing notice of some ꝑticulers mentioned therein and of others not.

Your Diary and Consultations wee have rec^d^ : for the last M^o^ : and shall now sudden[ly] expect the ballance of your bookes of Acco^tts^ : &c^a^ : that wee may take them into our Acco^tts^ :

Wee finde your [*sic*] are in Cash near 27000 ^RS^ to which leaveing soe much as may be [sufficient] for your expences wee enorder you to be giveing out to your Merchants on [*a word lost*] required by the Comp^a^ : from your station an Acco^tt^ : of

which you had last shipping in the Copies of those clauses of the Fort letter &c[a]: concerning Ballasore factory and wee recommend it to you to use your utmost endeavours to get the said goods cheap and better in consideration of this money now advanced to the Merchants.

Wee call not else to minde save that wee are :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M[R] : JOHN BYAM &C[A] : HUGLY 27TH : MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

This comes by the sloope Lilly whome (besides the Pilotts reveiwing the depthes sands &c[a] : in his way up and down to augment his experience) wee send to you to assist in case any of our sloopes now expected from the Coast should drop into your Port in which respect wee referr her to you and remaine :

If you could meet w[th] : a Mast there that would fitt the sloope Lilly pray secure it and send it up by one of the sloopes, in your choise of it take the Masters advice.

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M[R] : THOMAS NEVINSON. HUGLY 27TH : MAY 1681.

The sloope Lilly being ready fitted to saile wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board her and w[th] : the first oppertunity of Wind and tide weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore Roade where when you shall arrive in safety you are to proceed over the Barr and come to an Anchor in some good birth near the English Bancksaule and then either send or carry our Gen[ll]: letter dd : you herewith to M[r] : John Byam &c[a] : Factors in Ballasore whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

In your way up and down as weather will permitt you are to take good observation of all sands depthes shoulds bearings &c[a] : in this as well as the Maine Ganges thereby to confirme your experience as alsoe of the Channell in the way to Ballasore, and pray have a care of those Gusts to take in all your sailes in time your Mast being as you know none of the best, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M[R] : JOB : CHARNOCK &C[A] : HUGLY 30TH : MAY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Yours of the 19th : Curr[tt] : came to our receit the 2[d] instant five daies after the Cheifs Arrivall hither togather with your Diary &c[a] : as mentioned therein wee note you had then given out the whole imprest of the silke Merchants and were about to [fill] the Weavers hands alsoe w[ch] : ere this is doubtless done or accomplished.

Yesterday wee rec[d]: advises from the Coast by the Mocha Merchant they [were] short and [not] answering any thing of ours to the Agency by the Late shipping enclosed came Copies of sev[ll]: advises from the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: to [them] and us what relateing to the Raw silke investments wee have copied out and inclosed send you enordring you to endeavour your utmost to comply with the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: requiries therein they assureing us that they will send a stock sufficient by those expected shipps, which is all at present from:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M[R]: JOB CHARNOCK &c[A]: HUGLY 2[D] JUNE 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was of the 30th ultimo to w[ch]: referr you wee have since by the sloope Arrivall who came before the Factory yesterday rec[d]: advises from the Agent & Councell at Maddarass dated the 10th: ultimo which import nothing more then their last answer to our late Gen[lls]: by the shipping and sloopes being deferred through the Agents indisposition to the time of their dispatching the Europe shipps to us only they have on this sloope consigned to us twelve Chests treasure w[ch]: wee have forwarded to you amounting as ℘: Invoyce to rupies [*Lacuna in the original*] for which give our Accc[tt]: Curr[tt]: Credd[tt]: and be disposeing of it for your investments the soonest you possibly can this comes by land conveyance the treasure on three boates in charge of six peons, which is all at present from:

P.S. You may note that 2¾ chaul in one Siccae Rupie weight is equall to one penny weight in a £ troy by w[ch]: you may judge how your essaies come out according to the Invoyce the essaies would be best referred to the Mint and ordered to be made of 93[rs] weight as the use there is and not of 1[r]: weight there being great roguery used in the latter.

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M[R]: GEORGE PEACOCK &c[A]: HUGLY 4TH: JUNE 1681.

Loveing freinds

The 13th: ultimo wee wrote you Last since which wee have rec[a]: yours of y[e] 12th: [ditto] by which wee are sorry to understand the loss of 1220[mds]: of our Masters petre by a great storm in the harbour there if the boatemen were in fault you may as well recover what you can out of them there but if otherwise there is noe reason for their imprisonment more then for examples sake to make in the future more carefull.

Wee hear no news of the saltpetre being nigh us or on the way, your Diary &c[a]: for [Aprill] is received.

Wee doe not think it any waies convenient to hearken to the Cozzees propositions in Seif Caunes case he being soe extrordinary unreasonable which is a signe he cares not doe any thing in it and therefore by asking soe vastly out of the way hopes to *slave* you [*a word lost*] from prosecuteing, if the business be to be effected on reasonable terms follow it otherwise forbear and let it fall only advise the Vacqueele what the reason of it is that he may know what answer to give in case any of the great

[ones] aloft should ask him [about] it, wee note the reason of your detention of the Letter from the Dilly Vacqueele [*a word or two lost*] you might have sent us a transcript of which for the future in such case doe.

Wee are glad to hear the Tynn boates were got soe nigh as Pentee, and remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^: SAMUEL HERVY &c^A^: HUGLY 4TH: JUNE 1681.

Yours of the 22^d^ ultimo wee have rec^d^: the 30th: ditto after five M^os^: waiteing whose sophystry wee shall not answer till can see what orders may come from the Agency concerning your factory there hitherto being noe answer thence to our sev^ll^: advises by the shipps nor any thing about Decca although both the Sloopes are returned thence occasioned through the Agents indisposition.

Wee doe give you possitive orders now againe as wee have already often to get the Nabob and Kings Duans Pherwannaes perfected and sent us togather with the originall papers the Phyrmaund &c^a^. as soon as possible as alsoe that endeavours be used for remidy against those sev^ll^: Zimmendarrs wee wrote you about &c^a^: and that such Durbarr charge be allowed with all frugallity not to starve the business as may be reasonably judged sufficient to bring all to effect alsoe that if M^r^: Hervy be soe weak that he cannot appear when there is occasion at the Durbarrs himselfe that some one (the second if able) of you be sent with the Vacqueele whereby the better may be known the reason of those strange and unusuall delaies which wee the more wonder at because both the Nabob and Duan are soe favourable to us, the reason will hereafter be enquired into and wee question not but found out, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^: JOHN BYAM &c^A^: HUGLY 4TH: JUNE 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our last to you was dated the 27th: ultimo by the sloope Lilly who was then dispeeded towards you wee have the 29th: ditto rec^d^: yours of the 24th: last togather with the packett from the Coast by M^r^: Mohuns Vessell since the two sloopes Arrivall and Ganges are come before the Factory with M^r^: Mohuns two Vessells the Mocha Merch^t^: and Marie wee have not to add but remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

P.S. Since the foregoing wee have rec^d^: yours of the 30th ultimo wherein note what you write about makeing your contract with your Merchants there alsoe about the Acco^tt^ of Errors assoonas our bookes are ballanced wee shall send you down those Merch^ts^: Acco^tts^: w^ch^: now stand upon error ab initio [whereby] if possible the reason thereof may be found out and they adjusted it is more convenient and orderly that things missing in Ballasore factory should be written [*a word lost*] there then here and wee accordingly enorder it to be done here it properly belonging to this place

[*sic*] your booke of Charges Gen^ll^ : ballance of your bookes &c^a^ : wee have rec^d^ : but [finde not] that the perticulers of the Charges Gen^ll^ are summed up in [collums] at the end of the booke as enordred which in your other Coppies and let it be subscribed by the keeper thereof.

Your Loveing freinds

M : VINCENT.
E : LITTLETON.
F : ELLIS.
R : TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^ : FYTCH NEDHAM &C^A^ : HUGLY 6th JUNE 1681.

Loveing freinds

Wee have rec^d^ : yours of the 26th : and 28th : ultimo the 5th : instant and take notice of the Acco^tt^ : you give of Porunnia and what petre procurable there the Muster is bad and price high if wee cannot have 2^mds^ : such for a Rupee it will be dear because it must be washed and dryed againe which will wast it at least 20 ℔ : C^t^ and wee understand that this sort of petre is worth at Pattana about 12as : ℔ md : wee shall therefore expect Ally Berdy's more full advice in this and what may be done touching Turmerick which he writes is procureable in that place wee desire to have a more plaine Acco^tt^ : as whether it be taken well dryed what weight the Chutteessee or what other or what time of the year is best to give out money thereon whether those people as well as the petre men give securety [*sic*] or are bound in each tocone or Arrung one for another as interchangable security &c^a^ :

Wee doe suppose the Price now sent of the petre is the present ready money rate and that on imprest given out it may come out cheaper which enquire into.

Wee shall ℔ our next write to Decca to obviate what hindrance you fear may come by your Crowry and Ezanckdarr but wee hope all is but an huffe since Let [such] pretend what they will the customes of Maulda will not be less but the same they were before wee came thither and on the other side what duties Weavers pay in their severall tocones must necessarily be encreased by our investments on which Acco^tt^ : they cannot complaine that wee are unproffitable to the countrey where our business lies.

Coja Evaitoola is a man of quallity and great trust with the Kings Duan and [Droga] or Governour of the customes of this Port which he manages by a Deputy himselfe as you say resideing about a daies joyney wee shall write to him in behalfe of Rajah Ray though know not with what success he being an humorsome kind of a person and a great Dianutdaur.

Our Hugly md : is 74 ℔ haberdupoiz by w^ch^ : you may compute the seer.

Your Diary and ballance of your bookes wee have received.

The King haveing given a Phyrmaund to Surratt would grant noe other but [*a word or two lost*] that place saying it was unnecessary to give two Phyrmaunds that is to two sev^ll^ : places since wee being the same people at Surratt and here it is unnecessary as well against Custome soe that what you finde on the backside of the Hoosbull Hookum of Assutt Caune is the Copie of the new Phyrmaund and wee have noe other [the] Phyrmaund is [directed] to the Suba of Surratt but the Hoosbull Hookum [to the Suba] of Bengall and his compliance with the said Phyrmaund thereby injoyned.

The instructions about the essaies of silver came time enough to have made new ones.

Yesterday in the morning proceeded on three boates and in custody of six peons twelve Chests silver Ingotts am^ot^ : as ℔ Invoyce inclosed to Rupies 106496 which is consigned to you for Acco^tt^ : of the Honble : Comp^a^ : but enordered to proceed to Rights to Rajamaule whether wee enorder one of you to proceed immediately and whether you can sell or must coine it to take care and charge thereof this wee did because its in that place only Mustars or essaies thereof can be truly made in case the buyers will

not bidd to the value you are hereby enordred to coine it and not sell for essaies if you sell wee would have make of 93 [RS]: weight and for the goodness of the silver in respect this countrey standard of Rupees wee referr you to ours in this Affaire dated the 23th: October last: with the produce of this treasure wee enorder you to clear of what may be standing out at interest and w[th]: the remainder to prosecute the remaineing part of your investments vigourously.

The sloopes Arrivall and Ganges on w[ch]: came the treasure sent you came before the factory a few daies agone and bring news of the indisposition of the Agent the death of M[r]: Wynne M[r]: Colbourn and sickness of the rest of the Metchlepatam factors at Maddapollam.

Wee call not else to minde save that wee are:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M[R]: GEORGE HERRON. HUGLY 9TH: JUNE 1681.

Your sloope Arrivall being fitted with what thought necessary and y[e]: time of the comeing of our expected Europe Shipping drawing nigh some of w[ch]: may possibly this year be ordred up this river in which respect it is thought convenient that you proceed down to freshen your memory of the sands depthes &c[a]: of the same wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board the sloope the Arrivall and w[th]: the first oppertunity of Wind and Weather weigh your Anchor and set saile hence towards the Isle of Cocks and thence over the braces and back thither againe w[ch], Course you may repeat soe often as you judge convenient and are satisfied as to the depthes bearings &c[a]: thereof when you are to return hither againe and in your way down and up the river you are to take good notice of the sands shoulds bearings settings of the tides &c[a]: necessary, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M[R]; SAMUEL SHERMAN. HUGLY 13TH: JUNE 1681.

The sloope Ganges being fitted w[th]: all things necessary wee enorder you on receit hereof to repaire on board her and w[th]: the first oppertunity of Wind and tide to set saile hence towards the isle of Cocks and thence over the braces into Ballasore Roade and soe back againe into the Rivers mouth which course you may repeat as often as you judge convenient for your satisfaction as to the depthes bearings shouldings &c[a]: in that track which done you are to return hither againe in your way up and down this river takeing good notice of the settings of the tides eddies as well as the sands and shoulds thereof thereby to confirm your former experience, wee wish you a good voyage and remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M[R]; SAMUEL HERVY &C[A]: HUGLY 18TH: JUNE 1681.

Our last to you was dated the 4th: instant since which on the 14th: ditto came yours of the 31th: ultimo our answer to your last of the 22[d] past shews what satisfaction wee have rec[d]: in your late silence.

The Phyrmaund Pherwannaes &c[a] : papers came to hand according to the list in yours alsoe the five monthes Diaries Viz[t]: of December January February March and Aprill Last.

Wee are sorry you finde noe way to deale w[th]: those Zimmendars who have stoped the Comp[as] : goods last season (except according to the Dutch example you propose to propound) wee should licence you to spend four times the amount of the debt and it troubles us the more because formerly remidy has been to be had for reasonable considerations but wee have done our duty in giveing you full orders therein and leave for such expence to be made to effect all as shall not be extravagant but worth the while what Ruddur Ray's servants told you the experience you may be thought to have of those Cattle might assure you was falce as it realy is for Ram Narraine &c[a] : entred [their] full Puttnu according to the Custome of this Countrey where they pay by the peece and the distinction you make between his advanceing beyond custome on the Delauls and not on the Weavers since the Weaver in his Countrey is bound to make use of his Delaull is without any difference and soe wee leave it since wee finde both the writeing and answering such perticulars does only make [*a word or two lost*] significantly long.

Wee enorder you to make the sale of our Masters iron Gunn's to the Nabobs people and that it may be delivered here but rather then faile on a bargaine secured wee shall send such and as many as may be required to you this business may be propounded oblicqly and as if wee had now writt you about them .

Wee hope the Pherwannaes of the Kings Duan (Hall Istuck ball) is on the way that wee may secure that affaire whilst time is before us, the ballance of your bookes is received.

Wee haveing perused and well considered on your sev[ll] : Diaries &c[a] : above specified have thought convenient that John Pownsett doe come down hither to answer some things wee have to object against him therein and in ℘suance of saide our resolution doe hereby enorder that without any excuse or failure you send him for this in five daies after receit of this our Letter alsoe that he comes to rights without calling at any place that is out of the direct way hither wee rest :

Your Loveing Freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri : Trenchfeild.

M[r] : Job Charnock &c[a] : Hugly 29th : June 1681.

1. Wee have rec[d] : yours of the 13th : curr[tt] : together with one pair of your bookes and your Diary for the last Month.

The saile of the 12 Chests of treasure wee note and that Soocaun Nundsaw &c[a] : refused to make the essaies at the Mint of 93[rs] or 91[rs] 3[a] the peece which seemes very unlikely since wee know as well as themselfes that the course silver is melted in such quantities and some times greater with Lead to be made Chaundree to pass the Gozausht and then againe are weighed into Chuckatees of the aforesaid weight and only melted down to be fitted to the stamp had not silver been soe much demanded and Soocauns Gomosteh here proffered to take the silver on the consideration and essaies wee advised you to it had been more probable but these things being as above hinted makes us wee know not what to think of it pray at ye comeing out and agreeing on the essaies advise us how the plate comes out in conformity to the Invoice.

2. M[r]. Charnock haveing not signed to any bonds and indentures to the Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : since he left their service anno 1663 or 1664 and they haveing severall times pressed his doeing of saide and have never hitherto reversed that order however it has lain dormant by the omission or forgettfullness of M[r] : Walter Clavell deceased the late Cheife of Bengall wee haveing weighed the thing and doe not finde it convenient that so great a trust as Cassumbuzar factory be [required] any longer in any ones hands (as Cheife especially) who contrary to the saide Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : practice with

all their servants great and small is under noe bonds or indentures to them wee doe therefore herewith send you a blanck bond and indenture enordring him in ꝑsuance to the Honble : Comp^{as} : Commands immediately to signe and seal to them both and to deliver them soe signed and sealed to Allen Catchpoole and John Thredder who are of Councell of Cassumbuzar factory to be wittnessed by them and that then he dispeed them to us by two trusty expresses and therewith send us a Gen^{ll} : Letter the names of two persons in England he appoints for his security there that wee may by the expected shipping accordingly advise our Honble : Employers thereof.

3. The Cheife haveing ꝑused your Diary for Last month rec^{d} : here two daies since as abovementioned findes himselfe confronted by sev^{ll} : notes therein sly in their manner of bringing in and falce and injurious to him in their matter as will appear by the due propension thereof.

4. As for M^{r} : Charnocks saying he had prized the Comp^{as} : Taffaties at their real and just value in his notes the 7th and 13th day it appears as well by an acco^{tt} : under his own hand (as what the Cheife computed when there) to be falce though even those acco^{tts} : (neither of them) come up to the worth of a peece of that November bund Taffaties when well made being well bought at one Rupie more ꝑ ꝑ^{s} by the same calculations and if held their due goodness in every respect they would well content the Honble : Comp^{a} : at said rate nor were there occasion could such be had of any Bazaur or shopkeeper of Maxadavad or Cassumbuzar in any Competent quantity under Rup^{s} : 8 : ꝑ : p^{s} : as the price of November bund silke was at the time of the Weavers buying thereof the Last year what the Cheife did herein he averrs was to encourage the Weavers to make good Ware and to stop their clamour which it had been much more easy to him and more answerable to M^{r} : Charnocks carriage towards him to have let the business fallen on M^{r} : Charnock then to have troubled himselfe therewith but he had the Honble : Comp^{as} : advantage without any by respectt of his own before his eyes well knowing that something of content given the Weavour produces well made goods and alwaies the contrary when they are too much as here they were pinched and this was the present case according to the best of his judgment after veiwing the whole parcell of Taffaties peece by peece and he hopes his experience in the business of Cassumbuzar factory will be allowed to over ballance M^{r} : Charnocks selfe conceit of his own prompt partes and abillities as well as of those that assisted him herein who are hereunder specified for where as M^{r} : Charnock saies in his objections to the Consultation held about the time of the Cheifes departure thence in Cassumbuzar the ultimo that in prizeing those Taffaties he tooke the opinion of Severall others well experienced in the worth thereof it seemes it was not of any of those appointed of the Councell of the factory they not careing or dareing to appear after a day or two but of John Naylor the Dyer there whose understanding in that or anything else is taken not to be over much and of Amutt Ram the Barber who about the business of Ruggoo Podaurs death was by the Agent and Counc^{lls} : order publickly disgraced and turned away anno 1676 at Cassumbuzar [with] a strickt inhibition of ever admitting him in on any Acco^{tt} : gen^{ll} : or ꝑticuler into that or any other place or factory in Bengall or into any perticuler mans service of the English Nation and all this under the penalties (as inserted in Consoltation [*sic*] in Cassumbuzar of the 6th : October 1676) as the Agent and Counc^{ll} : should Judg meet and that such a Villanies judgment should not only be taken but alsoe thus by M^{r} : Charnock upheld against that of the Cheife (who has soe many years managed the business of that factory before him) is a nonsensicall obstinate humor peculiar to the singuler quallifications and breeding of M^{r} : Charnock but although M^{r} : Charnock would take upon him to be a Little familliar in his resentments and Charrachter of his Cheife as to matter of [*a word illegible*] Taffaties yet he might (not to speak of good manners) have been soe just as to have given a small hint in the same Diary notes (whereupon this concern he contents himselfe to pass it over wholly in silence it not it seems sorting with his information of Losse on the Taffaties) what the Cheife (to make amends for the Taffaties rates) had saved the Honble : Comp^{a} : in prizeing of the raw silke of what it seems he himselfe would have given the Peicaurs more then the Cheife found it worth though even here the Cheife gave a great allowance considering the vast difference between the goods brought in and the Mustar they were prized by and it may seem justly suspicable that M^{r} : Charnock

was partly ingaged to accommodate some of those peicars in the prizeing but was hindred therefrom by the Cheifes being present thereat and this his ghess arrises from the heat of Charnock thereupon and his since rateing the silke then thrown out by the Cheife and referred to him &c^{a} : to prize at such under rates as it deserved almost if not altogether as high as what was then taken at the Cheifes being there as appears by the end of M^{o} : of May's Diary abovementioned and this ghess must continue soe untill times gives an oppertunity of a due scrutiny to be made thereon upon the whole matter should it be granted (as it noe waies is) that upwards of rupies 1000 were Lost by being allowed to the Weavers it may alsoe be saide that sev$^{\overline{ll}}$: thousands were saved in the Cheifes nonallowance to the Peicaurs by which the pretended Acco^{tt} : of Loss is very much over ballanced.

And Lastly M^{r} : Charnocks sly reflection (on what t'is saide he himselfe almost constantly practices) on the Cheifes drawing up the Consultation at his parting Last from Cassumbuzar and giveing M^{r} : Charnock noe time to consider on or object against till it was Copied faire into the Consultation booke remaines to be spoken unto which had it been soe as the case stood could not have appeared soe great a crime as it is hoped slyly it may seem because the Cheife and M^{r} : Charnock being the only persons then at Cassumbuzar of the gen$^{\overline{ll}}$: Councell of Bengall there could be no more then one drawer up of such a paper and but one to [*one word lost*] and where any matter in the Comp^{as} : affaires stands on even votes it has all along been the Custome and seemes but reason that the Cheife should cast it on his own side and supersede the other which might without doubt have passed soe here there being noe necessity of two such Diary notes as those of the 7th and 13th : Last M^{o} : thereon especially since it is found M^{r} : Charnock is not soe exact to insert other things which might possibly deserve better consideration then this he has soe much puzled himselfe, in, perticulerly what occurred in Cassumbuzar and Muxadavad the 11th : and 15th : last M^{o} : but to come againe to matter M^{r} : Charnocks note hereon is alsoe falce for he was called up by the Cheife and those two points concerning the Weavers and peicaurs were argued and disputed almost a whole morning between them but M^{r} : Charnock though he could not say much in refutation of the premisses yet alwaies takeing good heed to disallow of the conclusion the Cheife resolved to draw out the Consultation as he did telling him that since wee could not agree in our opinions he might sign with objections to which there being a distinct answer laid down in our Consultation booke here as well (as what materiall) spoken to in the foregoeing discourse the Cheife thinks not worth his trouble to make any further reflection of those matters or expatiate thereon.

Wee wonder you follow not the method of the Maddapollam Diary in the keeping of yours for you may perceive that therein Consultations only and not the Diary notes are signed unto and accordingly wee enorder you to keep yours not certainly knowing what the knack of all your frims after the Diary note of the 12th : ultimo is unless M^{r} : Charnock does slily intend the Comp^{a} : shall understand thereby that not only he but the rest of the Councell doe alsoe affirme to what he writes about the Taffaties in the notes of the 7th : ultimo which those of Councell with you cannot doe since it appears that neither Allen Catchpoole nor John Threder were present but as above declared at M^{r} : Charnocks &c^{a} : prizeing those goods nor questionless have they since looked them over by which means only they could be capacitated to sign to the truth or falshood of what M^{r} : Charnock affirmes concerning them.

As soon as the Raw silke of March bund is almost in pray advise us thereof that in case no other business of import intervenes the Cheife may come up to see whether the Peicaurs have complyed with their contracts in that bund better then they did in that of the Month of November last w^{ch} : is all at present from :

The Contents of the 3^{d} and 4th paragraphs is the Cheifes concern.

F. Ellis.

Your Loveing freinds
Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri. Trenchfeild.

Mr: John Byam &ca: Hugly 8th: July 1681.

Loveing freinds

Wee have recd: yours of the 20th: and 27th: ultimo the former by the sloope Lilly the 24th ditto and the other by land the 3d instant.

Wee would have you write of what you finde not there of those househould necessaries charged to your factory and were there at the time of Mr: Richard Edwards his takeing an Accott: of them anno 1677.

What you have done with your Merchts: there wee take notice as alsoe wt: you write about Chintamundsaw to whome you seem to be willing to make another imprest on the Compas: Accott: as findeing it in respect of what Chimcham offers necessary wee very well like of his giveing in the bill for 5000 Rs. as a pawn for what he stands indebted on remaines to the Compa: but know not well how to give you any possitive order about this Merchant considering your late advice and our answer there unto concerning him and must therefore leave it to you on the place to doe what on good consideration you finde best herein yet with this order and caution that you soe proceed in this matter as in case of miscarriage (which God forbidd) you may be able to render good reason for your trusting him againe contrary to your former advice and opinions abovecited wee wish in your issueing out the 25000: Rs. you had given out 1000 Rs. and 500 Rs. according to their abillities to three or four Weavers of Creddtt: on the sevll sortes of goods required by the Compa: as alsoe to some small Merchants there who depend not on any of the knott of Chimcham &ca: by which your experience there and it may be the manifacture too of those severall goods might be betterred this assoon as you are in Cash againe wee think very convenient that you make tryall of and advise us how done.

Your Diary &ca: for the Month of May wee have recd: but finde not your Accott: Currtt: entred therein which you must not faile to doe monthly, wee call not else to minde save that wee are:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri Trenchfeild.

Mr: Fytch Nedham &ca: Hugly 9th: July 1681.

Loveing freinds

Wee recd: yours of the 30th: ultimo from Rajamaule in which wee finde and much Commend Mr: Fytch Nedhams dilligence in proceeding over with Mr: Prickman thither to settle the affaire of coineing the Honble: Compas: treasure himselfe being very well satisfied that he has taken the best course to bring it to it's desired effect.

Enclosed wee send you Hodgee Soffee Caunes Pherwanna attested by [the] Decca Cozzee on our new Phyrmaund which wee hope you haveing already made freinds with the Governour and Muttsuddis at Rajamaule you may prevaile with them to get those orders wch: seems to point at takeing custome of our boates that place reversed though wee are not at all named therein it being only written Hollander Ogeira but if you absolutely finde that it will not doe you may under hand promise Rajib Ally the Governour of Rajamaule a small addition to his present but on this condition that he get a new Pherwanna for us (Haul Istuck baul) if you can that wee are not meant in that Ogeira wth: the Dutch the Kings Duan as aforesaide haveing already given us his genll: Pherwanna on the Phyrmaund to the contrary and he is to procure some such paper as aforesaid ere the present be given him this wee doe findeing Mr: Hervy at Decca hugely to blame in being soe backward in perfecting business in the Compas: affaires of that nature in those partes recommended to him but wee hope in sight of the Pherwanna and the interest your late present hath made you with Rajib Ally that this stop will be over for at least this season.

Wee should be glad you had brought your Porunnia affaire to its desired issue and remaine :

Your Loveing freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFFILD.

MR: JOHN BYAM &CA: HUGLY 19TH: JULY 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was dated the 8th: instant and on ye: 17th: ditto came to hand Yors of the 9th: ditto wth: the welcome news of ye: safe arrivall of ye: George and Anne to [*sic*] of our Masters shipps into Ballasore Roade as also that our two sloopes wch: wee enordred hence cheifly for that intent were also in ye: Roade ready to bring them up if they were soe inclined hither or if not ℔t. of the treasure on them wee have hope (since wee have had noe further advises since the receit of ye: abovesaid from you nor the packett that came on the George) that both the shipps may be on their way hither the sloopes not yet appearing however Least it should not be thus as wee hope would and that the Commandrs: as you hint should deny to deliver you any Treasure without an order hence to them in perticuler and the sloopes should be detained on that Score wee hasten this to you with orders to both the Capts: which on your receit of deliver them and hasten their compliance therewith.

Wee know not whether you have taken an abstract of ye Annes Invoyce that came with your Last as alsoe of what concerned Ballasore factory in the Compas: Letter to us dated the 5th: of January Last &ca: papers accompanying it (which you alwaies ought to doe and advise us) wherefore though our assistance be small here wee have drawn those clauses &ca: necessaries and inclosed send them you requireing your complyance therewth: as abovesaide have written to the Capts: and enordred them to deliver you out of the Anne (for wanting the Invoice of the George wee know [not] what she may have brought in their markes and numbers) twelve bales of Broadcloth No: 71: 72: 73: 74: 75: 76: 77: 78: 83: 84: 85: 86: two bales of Perpetuannoes No: 3: 4: three bales Cloth Rashes marked K: L. and 17 Chests treasure which you are to take in proportion of what Chests Ryalls ⅝ and Ingotts come in the 139 Chests silver arrived on these two shipps now in the Roade which wee would have directed you hence but cannot for want of the ship George's Invoice as aforesaide and if it should not fall out even then let the Ingotts proportion be the greatest.

The Compa: in their Letter to us abovementioned have given order that the house of John Billingsley deceased be delivered over to the order of his father in England and licence to sell it yet not to any stranger soe as it may redound to the prejudice of our Masters affaires there which wee recommend to you and that you help him to what rent due from the tenant who now has been in it for some years without paying one penny thereof tho he consented with the Cheife to pay 10rs: ℔: Mo: out of Shipping time and 15rs: ℔: Mo: whilst the English shipps should yearly remaine there, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.

CAPT: LEONARD BROWN. HUGLY 19TH: JULY 1681.

Sr:

These are to congratulate your safe Arrivall with your ship Anne into Ballasore Roade and wishing you all desired success in your employment you are hereby alsoe enordred to deliver to Mr: John Byam Cheife &ca: Factors at Ballasore such and soe many Chests of silver not exceeding the quantity often as they shall you for adviseing us their markes and numbers ℔: the first conveyance following the time of your delivery thereof.

Alsoe deliver out of your said shipp to the aforesaid Cheife &c^{a}: twelve bales of Broadcloth N°: 71: 72: 73: 74: 75: 76: 77: 78: 83: 84: 85: 86: two bales of Perpetuanoes N°: 3: 4: and 3 bales Cloth Rashes marked K: L wee hope to see you up here with your shipp w^{ch}: would save much charge you must inevitably be at where you ride as alsoe secure your dispatch early, haveing not to add wee remaine:

Your Loveing Freinds
MATT^{AS}: VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.

CAP^{T}: NEHEMIAH EARNING. HUGLY 19TH: JULY 1681.

S^{r}:

These congratulate your safe Arrivall with your shipp George into Ballasore Roade alsoe you are hereby enordred to deliver to M^{r}: John Byam Cheife &c^{a}: Factors at Ballasore such and so many Chests of silver not exceeding ten in all as they shall write to you for adviseing us their markes and numbers ℘ the first conveyance that shall happen after the time of your delivering them, wee are:

Wee hope to see you up here wth: your shipp w^{ch}: would save much charge you certainely must be at in that Roade and occasion your dispatch near a M°: sooner then otherwise can be expected.

Your Loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.

CAP^{T}: NEHEMIAH EARNING. HUGLY 22TH JULY 1681.

S^{r}:

Our Masters sloopes not appearing to this day notwthstanding wee understood they were both at Ballasore at y^{e}: time of your comeing into that Roade makes us apprehensive that you scruple delivering any treasure on board them on M^{r}: Byams &c^{a}: orders wherefore wee dispeed these unto you enordring you if not already done to deliver from on board your shipp fourty Chests silver to say twenty on the sloope Arrivall and twenty on the Sloope Ganges or if it shall be found more convenient by reason of the roughness of the weather you may deliver fourty Chests on board of either of the said sloopes provided the other sloope takes as many out of the shipp Anne our desire being to have eighty Chests of Treasure out of the two shipps this turn of the sloopes, wee remaine:

P.S.

Wee would alsoe have you fitt eachof the sloopes as wth: the silver soe wth: a Jocund Ladeing of w^{t}: goods on board you and for all take a receit under the respective Mast^{rs}: of the sloopes hands and inclose them in a line or two to us. Idem M: V. E: L. F: E. R: T.

The same went to Capt: Brown Commaund^{r}: of the Anne Mutatis Mutandis.

Your Loveing Freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: JOB CHARNOCK &C^{A}: HUGLY 23TH JULY 1681.

S^{RS}:

Wee have rec^{d}: yours of the 14th: Curr^{tt}: togather wth: M^{r}: Charnocks bonds & Indentures and notice whose names for security in England according to our late orders to you in this perticuler.

If your Cash be at soe low an ebb as you write, and you finde it absolutely necessary to be embursed for the Capiton silke and Taffaties you may take up at

interest till you can be supplyed hence w^{ch} : wee hope may be in 10 or 11 daies at furthest in likelihood sooner, two of the Comp^{as} : shipps being arrived in Ballasore Roade the 9th : instant of which wee had news the 17th : following and sent a Letter that came on them the 18th : to M^{r} : Charnock and since wee have heard nothing of them which wee the more admire at because wee have noe Letters that came upon the one of them.

Accompanying these you will have what concerns your factory in the Honble : Comp^{as} : letter to us dated the 5th : January last as alsoe a list of goods to be provided by you this and the ensueing year wth : a clause of the Accomptant Gen^{lls} : letter concerning John Elliott whose answer wee expect to all w^{ch} : refer you.

The Cheife notes M^{r} : Charnocks nibling at an answer to what concerned him in our Last of the 29th : last M^{o} : and as to the silver not to rake up any other matters he remembers M^{r} : Charnocks way of disposeing that by a quantity he sent from Cassumbuzar to him in M^{r} : Clavells absence at the Coast anno 1675 w^{ch} : lay on hands in Patt^{a} : till he was forced on small hopes of its vend there to agree for it at a certaine rate at Cassumbuzar the money to be paide M^{r} : Charnock on his delivery of the Silver at Patt$_{a}$: but on first notice of the said agreement it was made sold [*sic*] some time before but as touching those things &c^{a} : in our last fully insisted on as alsoe M^{r} : Charnocks singular stamp (since the true allay of his mettall is now better understood then formerly) the Cheife cares not to trouble himselfe any further but rests satisfied that haveing in our last followed the wise mans Councell Proverbs the 26 : V : 5th : he now takes up wth : the other part thereof (which indeed is generally the more adviseable of the twaine) in the foregoeing verses of the same chapter. wee remaine :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R} : GEORGE PEACOCK &C^{A} : HUGLY 23TH : JULY 1681.

Loveing Freinds,

Our Last to you was of the 4th : ultimo since which wee have yo^{rs} : of 1st : and 11th : ditto M^{o} : and much wonder considering what you wrote us in yours of the 11th : that to this day wee hear nothing of the Saltpetre boates from you your bill Exch^{a} : for Rupies 5146 : 14^{a} is rec^{d} and Charged to Acco^{tt} : wee alsoe note that the 25 bales broadcloth are safely arrived wth : you and Sam^{ll} Meverell wth : the Coppie of the Maddapollam Diary the 29th p^{s} of Flint Ware by a mistake of him that shipped them went to Decca as is supposed instead of Patt^{a} : and for them you shall be Creddited and them Debted.

Wee are sorry to hear of the bad successe of the Petre boates 2 more of w^{ch} : are cast away you much misunderstood our orders if you think our orders are possitive for sending goods away at any set time be the weather good or bad since your own prudence must guide in such cases the best you can to avoide such hazards.

Wee are glad you have got soe good a quantity of Petre in readiness [*a word or two lost*] and had hopes it would long ere now have been here pray send us w^{t}; possibly you can more and within the Moonsoone ere the waters fall too much [*a word or two lost*].

Your Diary and Cash Acco^{tt} : wee have rec^{d} : &c^{a} :

On the 17th : instant wee rec^{d} : advises from the Honble : Comp^{a} : dated the 5th : January Last by the shipp Anne and the 22th : Curr^{tt} : another packett of the same date ℘ the George the goods they are pleased to demand from Patt^{a} : this year and next are Saltpetre 1000 tonns and what more you can provide Turmerick 6000 Mds. the getting of w^{ch} : or w^{t} : more of the former you can wee earnestly recommend to you.

M^{r}: Peacock is charged by the Accomptant Gen^{ll}: for sev^{ll}: goods found wanting in bales sent formerly hence the ticketts whereof came signed by him: Vizt.

							£	S	D
Rhumalls	12 :	ꝑ^{s}	A	11	ꝑ	Nathaniel	7 :	4 :	–
Sannoes	9	ꝑ^{s}	C	3	ꝑ	Falcon	5 :	7 :	–
Mulmuls	1	ꝑ^{s}	E	–	ꝑ	Falcon	2 :	:	–
Sannoes	1	ꝑ^{s}	–	7	ꝑ	Society	–	4	–
Nillaes	1	ꝑ^{s}	B	9	ꝑ	Nathaniel	–	18 :	4
	24	ꝑ^{s}	–	–			16 :	3 :	4*

Alsoe there is a farther charge on M^{r}: Peacock though not soe positive as the former because in some bales there is suspicion that they may have been robbed Viz^{t}:

	£	S.	D.
Nillaes B 9 ꝑ Nathaniel Invoiced to q^{t}: 200 p^{s}: and but 61 ꝑ^{s} rec^{d}: the tickett mentioning more signed by M^{r}: Peacock 39 ꝑ^{s} short.	29 =	5 :	=
Sannoes G 10 ꝑ Falcon Invoiced at 120 ꝑ^{s} Received but 105 ꝑ^{s} according to the tickett signed by M^{r}: Peacock are 15 ꝑ^{s} short.	11 =	5 :	=
Sannoes D 10 ꝑ Falcon Invoiced 120 ꝑ^{s} rec^{d}: but 70 ꝑ^{s} according to the tickett signed by said M^{r}: Peacock are 50 ꝑ^{s} short.	37 =	10 :	=
	78 =	:	=

All w^{ch}: wee require him according to the Comp^{as}: orders and Commands to give us a satisfactory answer thereto that wee may know what returne in this affaire to make our Masters wee have not to add at present save to press you to hasten the remainder of the Saltpetre and Turmeriq as near as you can up to the Honble: Comp^{as}: requiries wee mean the latter for wee have hopes the quantity of the former will exceed w^{t}: ever came thence in any one year for their Acco^{tt}:, what concerns Patt^{a} factory in the Honble: Comp^{as}: gen^{ll}: now rec^{d}: comes inclosed, Wee rest:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

MR Fytch Nedham &c^{A}: Hugly 23^{d}: July 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was dated the 9th: instant to w^{ch}: wee referr you on the 17th: ditto wee had notice from Ballasore of the safe arrivall of the shipps George and Anne receiveing therewith the Comp^{as}: packett on the Anne that on the George by reason of high winds in the Roade came not to hand untill yesterday and in that only came the List of goods enordred to be provided in the Bay it being omitted in that Letter of the Comp^{as}: by the Shipp Anne.

The Honble: Comp^{a}: have enordred that what goods can be bought both at Decca and Maulda shall in equall proportions be taken care for by sending equall proportion of stock to both places they have been pleased to enorder 13000 p^{s}: Cossaes and 1000 p^{s}: Mullmulls in all wherefore wee enorder you immediatly to advise us what quantity you have and can provide of the

* The total is incorrect obviously but it is so in the original.

23000 p^{s} : to goe home this shipping and not to be too late alsoe what stock you may want to performe it that wee may take care hence for you and alsoe to Decca for the remainder which you cannot get ready, by Cossaes wee suppose is meant that close Cloth called Tangeebes and the like besides these wee finde our Masters require this year from Maulda Erendee Cloth 25 bales and ditto yarn 15 bales and against the next year Cossaes or Tangeebes 6500 p^{s} : Mullmulls 5000 ꝑ Erendee Cloth dyed blew (which you must finde out some way to doe) $1\frac{1}{8}$ yard broad and 16 ditto long 1000 p^{s} : ditto brown of the same lengthes and breadthes 3000 p^{s} : ditto yarn 10 tonns reckoning 10 hundred haberdupoiz to the tunn Mundeeles of Maulda 18 yardes long 1 yard wide to be of variety of mixtures and to be 100 p^{s} : of each worke and coulour 100 p^{s} : alsoe of yellow silke N^{o} : 4 and 5 of which wee shall send you the Mustars as soon as they come to hand what quantity you can get.

Wee have alsoe sent you enclosed such clauses of the Honble : Comp^{as} : Letter to us dated the 5th : January Last as concern your factory as alsoe the way you must enter sallaries &c^{a} : as ꝑ the Comp^{as} : order Last year which was then sent you but as wee understand mislaide, wee remaine :

Your Loveing freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R} : SAMUEL HERVY &C^{A} : HUGLY 27TH : JULY 1681.

S^{rs} :

Wee rec^{d} : yo^{rs} : of y^{e} : 29th : ultimo the 6th : instant and Jno : Pownsett arriveing hither y^{e} : 14th : ditto wee have now finnished y^{e} : matters wee sent for him about & in a day or two shall returne him to his station wth : you wee are very sorry to [finde] [*a few words lost*] in his tale of sickness w^{ch} : never was [*a few words lost*] till [*a few words lost*] Aprill and wee note how he catches at y^{e} : Agents silence as an excuse for [*a word or two lost*] disposition but he may thank God his sickness never yet was such as to [*a word or two lost*] his understanding as it is saide y^{e} : Agent Musters him ; therefore this topick will not serve in M^{r} : Hervys case.

The Duans pherwanna (Haul Istuck baul) wee have at last rec^{d} : & esteeme it noe small part of our Masters good fortune that y^{e} : present governm^{t} : of Bengall has lasted soe long unaltered notwithstanding y^{e} : troubles that have been and still are in Hindostan till not only the others but y^{e} : Pherwanna alsoe is perfected.

Your Diary for y^{s} : M^{o} : May is rec^{d} : and coppies of those Pherwannaes y^{e} : Nabob & Kings Duans has given Boolchund on the Dutch and us wee understand he plagues y^{m} : at Muxadavad but hitherto is civill enough to us.

The 17th : instant wee rec^{d} : a packett from our Masters by y^{e} : Anne w^{ch} : wth : the George arrived into Ballasore Roade wth : out touching at Fort y^{e} : 8th : Instant for want of y^{e} : list of goods w^{ch} : should have come at y^{e} : end of y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{as} : letter ꝑ y^{e} : Anne but was omitted wee now [*sic*] forced to stay till the 22th : when the packett by the George arrived ere wee could signify certainely the Comp^{as} : requiries from every factory w^{ch} : wee have accordingly done the others and now doe to you.

The Comp^{a} : ordering 13000 p^{s} : Cossaes and 1000 p^{s} : Mullmulls to be invested in Malda and Decca and wee would know what quantity not buzar goods but of such sortes lengthes bredths and fairness as ordred by the Comp^{a} : from 8^{rs} : to 12^{rs} : ꝑ ꝑ^{s} may be gott ready to bee here sometime in November next that wee may furnish you wth : stock accordingly the Comp^{a} : upon what information wee know not write alsoe for 5000 p^{s} : such Rhumalls as they order hence which they understand are made alsoe at Decca to be sent them thence being invested there pray let us understand what Rhumalls Decca affords, that wee may give order for the quantity next year haveing for this Moonsoon bespoke the enordred Investment of that commodity in this place as alsoe of the Hummums.

Our Masters further require against next year 500 p[s] : Mullmulls w[th] : fine needle worke flowers wrought with white the flowers to be about 3 or 4 inches asunder and neat the p[s] : to bee 1⅛ yard wide at least or better if ell and 21 yardes long the w[ch] : wee recommend to yo[r] : observance.

You have not entred the Acco[tt] : of sallaries right inclosed wee send you a clause of the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : Letter of last year to which wee referr you in that perticuler as alsoe an abstract of their gen[ll] : this year dated the 5th : January last being what therein concerns your factory, wee rest :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

P.S Among the Glasses of Christalline Ware sent you hence the 24th : February there was a mistake of 29 : p[s] : of severall small Glasses which amount to 19[rs] : 8[ans] : being Invoiced to Pattana but sent to you wee wonder you should not advise us of them :

ydem

M : VINCENT.
E : LITTLETON.
F : ELLIS.
R : TRENCHFEILD.

M[R.] [JOHN] BYAM &C[A.] HUGLY 5TH AUGUST 1681.

S[rs] :

Wee have rec[d] : yours of the 22[d] and 26th ultimo and wonder you should put us upon ordering any thing for Chintamundsaw hence which you being on y[e] : place doe not finde secure to doe there although by ours of y[e] : 8th Curr[tt] : referred to you.

Wee hope you will finde it a good way to be trying w[th] : all necessary caution to give imprest on Ballasore goods to Merchants and Weavers of that place and its adjacences that have noe dependance on Chimcham and his comp[a] : wishing it may have its desired effect.

Wee leave Cowulls business to you haveing nothing to object against his security Cullean Paul who has been known to be a Shroff of good repute for many yeers in Ballasore but you must take care to the goodness of Cowulls goods he brings in otherwise it will be loss to the Hon[ble] : Comp[a] :

Your Acco[tt] : Curr[tt] : pray continue to enter as enordred by y[e] : Agent and Councell & pray send a Coppie of what orders he left anno 1679 in your factory about contracting with your Merchants if any besides what sent you hence while he was here.

What of househould necessarys you finde wee have charged hence to Bal[lasore] and not appearing there wee mean that you write of w[th] : you the losse of them belonging to Ballasore factory.

Wee rec[d] : your Diary &c[a] : factory M[o] : of June and the 22[d] ultimo tooke order about the goodness treasure intended for this place y[e] : turne of y[e] : Sloopes and two Letters directed to the Commanders of the shipps George and Anne, wee remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

MR: GEORGE PEACOCK &ca. HUGLY 3D AUGUST 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our last to you was dated the 23th: ultimo next day after which came yours of the 9th: ditto which wee did detaine till the Arrivall of the Saltpetre boates Yesterday they comeing safe 19th: of them, one (Urgum Mirdae his boate) wth: 375 baggs Saltpetre being lost nigh to Bangulpore.

You need not have kept your bookes open for the Copper panns &ca: since you might have entred and carryed them of in blanck now there comes an Accott of them with this inclosed.

The Invoice of your petre and the Mirdaes notes came safe to hand as alsoe your Diary for the Mo: June.

Our buzar seer here consists of 80 Rajamaule siccae Rupies according to wch: you are to receive your Tinne as to recovery of wt: wanting the Mangee Paikes and boats are liable for it and you must see to get it of them if the boate belonged to ye place wee should not fear to recover it here.

Lodging there must be in every factory for the Compas: servants and if your Warehousekeepers lodgings be soe untenable as you say you must fitt them up and mend [*a word lost*] as frugall as you possibly can.

Coppie of the Vacqueeles Letter from Dilly of an old date wee have recd: Pray pay him noe more wages till order thence he seeming at present to deserve none being soe exceeding slow in his advises as alsoe sending us noe Accott: though sevll times written to about it, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD

The brass panns you may charge at 20rs ℘r ps: and Lades and Scummers togather at 27 Rs:

Yors: E: LITTLETON.

CAPT: NEHEMIAH EARNING. HUGLY 8TH: AUGUST 1681.

Sr:

Wee desire and order to lade on ye: sloope Ganges wt: goods and treasure of ye: Honble: Compas: you have remaineing on board you & in case she shall not be able to take in all then that you lade ye: remainder on ye: Ketch Arrivall takeing ye: respective Masters receits for what you lade on either and send ym: up inclosed in a line or two to us, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

CAPT: LEONARD BROWN. HUGLY 8TH: AUGUST 1681:

Sr:

Wee desire & order you to lade on ye: Ketch Arrivall wt: goods & treasure of ye: Honble: Compas: you have remaineing on board yor: shipp takeing Master of saide Ketches receit for ye: same & remitting it in a line or two to us, wee remaine:

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

MR : GEORGE HERRON. HUGLY 8TH : AUGUST 1681.

Sr :

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to set saile wth : ye : sloope Arrivall into Ballasore Roade and there to come to an Anchor as near ye : Shipp George or Anne wch : you shall find ye : windwardmost & take in such goods of ye : Honble : Compas : as shall according to our order be delivered on board you which done you are to proceed as abovesaide as near ye : leewardmost shipp of ye : two & thence perfect your lading wch : done make ye : best of yor : way back againe giveing us advice assoon as you are come so near as the freshes will suffer you wee [*a word or two lost*] to dispatch you thence.

In case ye : Compas : sloopes wch : wee expect from Metchlepatam should be arived ye : roade & any of the other English shipps it is our order wch : shew to the [*a word or two lost*] of ye : [*half a line lost.*]

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
[RI : TRENCHFEILD.]

MR : SAMUEL SHERMAN.

or

MR : THOMAS NEVINSON. HUGLY 8TH : AUGUST 1681.

Wee enorder you on receit hereof to set saile into Ballasore Roade with ye : Sloope Ganges & there come to an Anchor as near ye : Shipp George as you can & laide from her such of ye : Honble : Compas : goods as shall according to Or ordrs : be delivered you by ye : Commander which done make ye : best of yor : way back againe giveing us notice assoon as you shall be come soe near hither as ye : freshes will suffer you wee intending to dispatch you thence back againe.

The Postscript is ye : same as Mr : HERRONS.

Mutatis Mutandis.

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

CAPT. JOHN GOLDSBROUGH. HUGLY 8TH : AUGUST 1681.

Sr.

Hopeing these may finde you safe arrived into Ballasore Road & that two of the Compas : Sloopes wee expect from Metchlepatam may alsoe be come wee enorder you in such case to lade such goods & treasure of ye : Compas : on either of them as will make them a jocund ladeing wee cannot point what for want of advices & Invoices by you & therefore leave it to yor : prudence our intent hereby being to unliver you ye : soonest wee can & soe if you have not goods enough to fill ye : sloope she may proceed on board one or two of ye other expected Europe shipps till she has wt : goods convenient laden on her, Wee Rest :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

MR : JOB CHARNOCK &CA : HUGLY 8 : AUGST. 1681.

Wee have recd : yors : of ye 30th : ultimo assoon as ye : box of Mustars shall come to our hands they being a mistake of ye : Capts : remaineing behinde wee shall not faile to send those belonging to your factory.

The order touching Jn° : Elliott you haveing given him to understand it lies now in his hands to manage the consequence thereof as he findes good.

Coppies of the Comp^as^ : Letter of y^e^ : 16th July 1680 comes herew^th^ : as alsoe a duplicate of theirs by these shipps dated the 5th : January last to w^ch^ : referr you.

Wee hope ere y^s^ : yor : March bund silk is all in and since y^e^ : Cheife by reason of business on y^e^ : shipps arrivall cannot attend to come up to looke on it wee enorder you to doe it & pack it up according to our Masters orders.

The boate with silke & Taffaties is arrived & assoon as all is taken as [*two lines lost.*]

This day wee shall be sending up 25 Chests treasure Ryalls to you for yor : investm^ts^ : estimateing y^t^ : to be as much as you can now invest to get home on y^e^ : shipping if you can more advise us nearely what & it shall be sent you on the latter treasure.

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^ : JOB CHARNOCK &C^A^ : HUGLY 11TH : AUGUST 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our last to you was dated y^e^ : 8th : instant y^s^ : comes w^th^ : 25 Chests of y^e^ : Honble : Comp^as^ : Ryalls of ⅜ amounting as ℘ invoice inclosed to Rup^s^ : [*Lacuna in the original*] which wee enorder you to sell or otherwise as you shall think most for our Honble : Masters advantage and to goe in hand to perfect those sev^ll^ : investments required by y^m^ for y^s^ : yeer's shipping.

Wee send y^s^ : treasure in charge of M^r^ : Richard Barker who is come out in y^e^ : quallity of a Factor at [*Lacuna in the original*] ℘ annum &c^a^ : as you will finde by y^e^ : gen^ll^ : to us from England dated y^e^ : 5th : January last sent you y^e^ : 7th : Curr^tt^ : he is to be employed at Cassumbazar and advised with about, in y^e^ : business of Dying and Raw Silke alsoe there comes with him M^r^ : Pratt a dyer who alsoe is to be employed in dying trade there on these [boates] wee have alsoe sent six peons for their better security in y^e^ : way up w^ch^ : is all wee call to minde at present, remaineing :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^ : GEORGE PEACOCK &C^A^ : HUGLY 17TH : AUGUST 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our Last to you was dated y^e^ : 3^d^ : instant since w^ch^ : haveing [unladen] y^e^ : Saltpetre boates wee finde those six pattelloes y^t^ : were laden at Begum [Seray] to come out very short in weight of y^e^ : m̃d : of this place & not holding out any thing nigh y^e^ : weight of y^e^ : other Petre which yet although it comes over Hugly weight is short of y^t^ : of Patt̃^a^ : which may be occasioned through moist weather and lying long [*a word lost*] wee enorder you stricktly to enquire into y^e^ : reason of y^e^ : shortness of y^e^ : former Petre [give] us an Acco^tt^ : of what you doe therein and in y^e^ : future to have an especiall care of y^e^ : drying of all petre at y^e^ : scale and its due weight wee have all along hitherto esteemed the [*a word lost*] weight greater then y^t^ : of this factory from 2 sere to 2½ seer ℘ m̃d : pray try yor : weights advise us therein our factory weight being somewhat better then 73 Rajamaule [seer] weight to y^e^ : seer, you have been exceedingly to blame in not sending y^e^ : ballance of your bookes till now and it may hereafter be enquired into what was the reason [*a few words lost*].

Wee wish you [*a word or two lost*] make [*a word or two lost*] being fearfull wee may want it for our extrordinary tonnage this year pray doe w^{t}: you can in it and hasten your investm^{ts}: w^{t}: possible, wee rest:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

P.S. Wee finde you doe not send a pion on every Pattelloe w^{ch}: wee enorder you to doe in y^{e}: future and that those pions y^{t}: came on y^{e}: Petre boates (since y^{e}: boatemen it seemes will not be brought to it though it would be well if they could) be enordred to stand at y^{e}; Scale & take notice of y^{e}: weight of all y^{e}: petre to say those pions y^{t}: come wth: [y^{e}] petre weighed and laden at Singee to see y^{e}: weight of y^{t}: and those y^{t} come on y^{e}: Begum Seray boates (which petre is alwaies to be sent [and] noted to us apart) to doe y^{e}: like for y^{t}: & soe of any other place you lade petre from for Bengall alsoe wee enorder you y^{t}: a m̃d. weight be sent us down cast in lead of y^{e}: same you take & send the Saltpetre by sealed up y^{t} wee may in ye future see ye difference of ye petre there and when it comes hither wee would have those ord^{rs}: put in execution in y^{e}: petre expected y^{s}: year w^{ch}: wee againe recommend to you to hasten w^{t}: you can and to send us as great a quantity as you can & let such forecast be used in y^{e}: future by geting our Dustuck out &c^{a}: soe that y^{e}: petre may never ly long on y^{e}: Pattelloes ere they come thence the boatemen makeing all their excuses of want of weight broken baggs &c^{a}: on y^{t}: ground and never let above 15 pattelloes come in Company least they finde not harbours all y^{e}: way convenient to hold y^{m}: all and soe be endangered in y^{e}: way down but let y^{e}: petre come in such parcells as 10 or 15 boates at a time putting about a Weeke between y^{e}: sending of each parcell which may be a means to prevent losse for [y^{s}] season [of] sending y^{e}: petre yearly wee have already given orders to w^{ch}: referr you hopeing you will avoide henceforth sending away in y^{e}: tempestuous times of y^{e}: year, wee remaine:

Your very Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: FYTCH NEDHAM &C^{A}: HUGLY 18TH: AUGUST 1681.

Loveing freinds

Wee have rec^{d}: yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 5th: instant and note what you write about y^{e}: essaies witch [*sic*] you say come out much worse y^{n}: you expected by your former on this subject wee thought you had made up your business with y^{e}: Droga Chowar or Sanbuaur of y^{t}: Mint wth: out getting in with whome (and they are to be dealt cautiously wth:), here will never any silver come out as it should wee find y^{e}: Merchants or Shroffs have a great hand wth: y^{e}: abovenamed persons w^{ch}: makes y^{e}: essaies come out soe low on our side to discourage us from Minting our Silver y^{t}: soe it may fall into their hands to our Masters great losse they haveing began a fine trade of buying R^{s} $\frac{8}{8}$ and other silver morats [*sic*] at Cassumbuzar at 210 and 211 Rupees ℔ 240 siccaes weight and makeing at y^{e}: Tancksaule or Mint 216 siccae Rupies of y^{e}: same all charges borne and soe of all other Silver in proportion you know very well, difficulty alwaies attends y^{e}: first entrance of [any thing of Moment which] you must grapple with and over come too some daies since [*about a line lost*] laden on three stout Oolocks in charge of six pions fifteen Chests silver to say [*about a line lost*] and wee doe enorder y^{t}:

M^{r}: Jona. Prickman to remaiue at Rajamaule at y^{e}: Mint to see y^{e}: comeing of [*a word lost*] more wee shall consigne to you for y^{e}: same end and y^{t}: y^{s}: keepes his Mint Acco^{tt}: apart it beiug needless to bring it into your bookes of Acco^{tts}: only w^{t}: by our future orders you may receive thence for your investm^{t}: since wee shall enter y^{t}: Acco^{tt}: out of his thus kept wth: our gen^{ll}: bookes here wee intend God willing wth: y^{e}: next parcell of treasure to send an able Shroffe for his assistance in y^{e}: interim wee enorder him to be coineing y^{e}: R^{s} $\frac{8}{8}$ whose essaie is never questioned and converting them into Siccaes y^{e}: soonest that may be wee doe further order y^{e}: s^{d}: Jona Prickman to send us advises from time to time how the business of y^{e}: Mint goes forward w^{t}: ready money he may have ready and against w^{t}: time y^{t}: wee may give you orders hence to send it to those places where it may be wanting.

Wee shall write to Decca and enorder James Price may threaten Hur [Naraine] as you desire to complaine to y^{e}; Nabob of him if he forbidd not Jimshear Beague for abuseing our people on Maulda side and hope may have success therein but be sure you lay soe good a foundation of our customes on y^{t}: side of y^{e}: water you live on that y^{e}: same trouble as our trade encreases may not reach us there it lies mostly in your good forecast and fixing things well ere your Zimmendars or othe[*sic*] Governours grow upon you w^{ch}: they will certainly endeavour to doe as they shall come better to understand our business & finde new waies now not seen nor it may be ripened for their own interest you have done very well in geting place for your Washers Coondgurs and Nurdiaes to worke with in the factory bounds since there they may without much difficulty be alwaies on occasion of difference w^{ch}: y^{e}: Zimmendar be protected.

All that you can well expect from Rajub Ally y^{e}: present Governour of Raja [maule] in the business you formerly advised of is a sepparrus or a favourable represen-[tation of what] wee have to say in our own behalfes to be sent by, him to Hodgee Soffee Caune and then our Vacqueele at Decca to fall in upon y^{e}: neck of it concerning which if Hodgee Soffee Caune'[s] pherwanna will not doe togather with y^{e}: good correspondence wee would have you alwaies to hold with him wee shall alsoe give orders to Decca.

Wee shall not say any thing to y^{e}: Porunia business you seemeing yet to have but a lame Acco^{tt}: of it but shall deferr it till wee can hear what verball Acco^{tt}: Ally Berdy has given you thereof these people being gen^{lly}: able to give farr better satisfaction in discourse y^{n}: by writeing but if y^{e}: Saltpetre be to be had noe whence but under y^{e}: Government of y^{e}: Suba of Pattana twill be in vaine wee think to treat any further [*a word lost.*]

Wee note what you write about y^{e}: number of Cossaes Tangeebs and Mullmulls you hope to get ready for y^{s}: years shipping pray advise us alsoe how many [Rheangs for] they not being mentioned in the Comp^{as}: List wee suppose are included among the Mullmulls the Erendee Yarn and Cloth pray take care about, as alsoe the Numdulls what you can and write us whether you shall be able to dy the Erendee Cloth blew as enordred sending some peeces thereof and let care be taken that next years quantity leng[ths &] bredths thereof be exactly complyed with you haveing noe winders for the Yellow [*a word lost*] wee shall say noe more to it till wee can see the Musters which if the [*sic*] prove as [wee] suppose they are of the tannee Winde and you will not be able to doe much this [year] Wee call not elce to minde at present save that wee are :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^: SAMUEL HERVY &c^A^: HUGLY 20TH AUGUST 1681.

Our Last to you was dated the 27th: ultimo to which referr you, wee have since Rec^d^: yo^rs^ · of the 6th: instant three daies agone glasse Rarites wee have pretty good store this year pray advise us how many Chests of the you may be able to put of that wee may not overstock you; your Diary for the last M^o^: wee Rec^d^: now but have none from you of the M^o^: of June which wee admire at.

Hur Narrains Ezaudaur [*sic*] is troublesome with our people at Maulda pray let James Price speak to him to forbidd him to molest our business there about the chaup which is paide the same by all others now as formerly and not a whitt the less for our not paying since the Dutch Pattans, Mogulls &c^a^: Merchants buy the same goods and pay the same duties they alwaies did soe that nothing can be laid to our charge on Acco^tt^: diminishing any revenue but what our Phyrmaund by the Kings favour indulges to us let him therefore if he will not hear you be complained of the Nabob or Hodgee Soffee Caune or both as may be found convenient and pray stirr soe in this thing as that some good issue may suddenly be put thereto what customes wee can now at our first planting there settle being likely to continue upon us Jimshear Beague the Ezaurdaur at present imprisoning and punnishing all our Condegurs Nurdiaes and Washermen on Maulda side of the Water forbidding them to worke for us alsoe all Weavers in his Governm^t^: from takeing imprest.

Our boates alsoe of late have been stoped at Rajamaule and mony forced from them ere could pass under pretence of being Merchants boates this complaine of to Hodgee Soffee Caun and add that though Rajib Ally who is y^e^: Phousdarr there is satisfyed that they are the English boates yet the other Muttsuddies will not let them goe, the custome of the Tancksaule at Rajamaule has long been in dispute and wee being coining Rup^s^: now there, wee got the mony due on that Acco^tt^: to be put into a third persons hands till wee can hear from Hodgee Soffee Caun about it pray see if any thing can be done to get it of since it will be of great advantage to the Honble: Comp^a^: at least 2 or 3 ℔: C^t^: on their whole treasure which now beginns to be considerable and wee shall use such means with the Droga to keep freindly as that he shall hinder herein, wee Remaine:

Your Loveing freinds.

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

Just on sending away this came to hand yours of the 30th: July with your Diary &c^a^: for the M^o^: June.
Pray add your Acco^tt^: Curr^tt^: to the end of each Diary which of late [your men] have omitted:

ÿdem

M: VINCENT.
E: LITTLETON.
F: ELLIS.
R: TRENCHFEILD.

M^r^: JOB CHARNOCK &c^a^: HUGLY 20TH AUGUST 1681.

The 30th: instant wee Rec^d^: yo^rs^: of the 13th: ditto [which if] sent according to date was long in comeing.

You [*sic*] have all along sent you Coppies of what concerned your factory in all the Honble: Comp^as^: and Fort Letters to us from time to time as they come [*sic*] to hand, at your desire wee have now sent you the Letter of the 19th: March 167$\frac{9}{80}$.

Tis seldom know [*sic*] but you have a slatch of faire weather in this M^o^: therefore wee hope noe such great occasion of fear and for the business tis the same now as it has been formerly at the latter end of the year tis alwaies most.

The July bund investment you may well secure by what sent you giveing 100 or 150 Rs. on a bale alsoe the remaines of your Floretta Yarn and Taffaties, money you shall be embursed with as fast as it can be coined which will be as soon as you can have it any other way, after you have Rec^d^: the mony for the 25 Chests Ryalls lately sent you up pray draw us up as exact and plaine a calculate of what you can

get ready for this shipping and not at random as this is which you have now sent that wee may consider the best manner of timely supplying your real occasions the stock enordred of £80000 shall in due time be sent you in money and goods according to the proportion which wee shall receive, the whole stock in this shipping, the latter three shipps expected from y^{e}: fort wee yet hear not of at which wee admire.

By the next boates wee send up to your Factory wee shall send the Factors-provisions you want and part of such toies with some fine green cloth as you desire for presents, wee are :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

Our last to you was dated the 11th ultimo wth : y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{as}: treasure.
Your Diary for the M^{o}: June is received :

S^{rs} : Since the sealing of these wee rec^{d} : the packett of the Bengall Merchant arriveing into Ballasore Road the 11th instant with it came the Accompanying Letter from the Agent and Councell to M^{r}: Charnock &c^{a}: which is here transmitted to you by your Lo : F^{ds} :

M : V :
E : L :

M^{R} : JOB CHARNOCK &C^{A} : HUGLY 24TH : AUGUST 1681.

S^{rs} :

Our Last to you was dated the 20th : Curr^{tt} : since which wee have Rec^{d} : yours of the 19th : and 20th : ditto.

Wee are glad to understand the 25 Chests treasure sent by M^{r} : Barkernie safe arrived what treasure wee have yet sold here more then the 20 Chests delivered [Mutradass] which you call four boates ladeing can never hinder any [markett] there since wee have not yet sold one Rup^{s} : worth to any one the hindrance of the ready sale o[f] your treasure wee rather judg [*sic*] will be the late quantity the Dutch have [imported] and the want of ready money among the Shroffs at Muxadavad by the Prince [and] Nabobs late drawing their respective treasures thence.

The Comp^{as} : gen$^{\widetilde{ll}}$: wee have Received.

Before wee rec^{d} : yours of the 20th : Curr^{tt} : the Cheife had written a Letter to Boolchund your Governour there concerning his stoping boates under our Flagg and Dustuck [*a word lost*] by his Chowkies in sev$^{\widetilde{ll}}$: places perticulerly four boates of Sugar comeing from Tessind [*a few letters lost*] &c^{a} : which Letter wee enorder you to send him by the Vacqueele and that he urge the clearing of them and all others or that Boolchund give his answer that wee may take care otherwise about it, as to what you now write of his demanding custome of us and the Dutch untill wee can hear what result your Vacqueele brings you from his own mouth wee cannot tell what to say but on your further advice thereof wee shall act as find thereupon necessary.

Pray send us a calculate of what tonnage wee may this year expect from Cassumbuzar ℘ your next being now on writeing to the Coast where the Agent and Councell demand it to be sent them, wee Remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

Mr: John Byam &ca: Hugly 28th: August 1681.

Srs:

Supposeing that ere this the Cæsar may be arrived into Ballasore Road which wee should be glad to hear wee enorder you to receive from on board of her two Chests silver which will compleat the stock of £20000 appointed by the Honble: Compa: for the investmt: of Ballasore factory this shipping wee are sorry for Mr: Scattergoods death and Tho: Bromleys insufficiency and wee shall consider to send you some assistance hence though wee can very ill spare any pray see if Capt: Andrews can spare a Mast fitting for the Sloope Lillys Maine Mast hers being deficient soe that she cannot come down. wee Remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

Capt: John Goldsbrough. Hugly 28th: August 1681.

Sr:

Our last to you was of the [*Lacuna in the original*] Currtt: wherein wee enordred you to unladen what goods you brought down from the Fort on the sloopes expected from Maddapollam but wee haveing since that understood that their comeing is somewhat uncertaine at Least that they will be of the latest wee are loath to leave the saide goods any longer to such uncertainty and therefore doe enorder you to unlade what goods on board you for the Honble: Compas: Accott: on the sloope Arrivall takeing the Masters Receit for the same and sending us Coppie thereof in a line or two, wee Remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

Capt: Jonathan Andrews. Hugly 29th: August 1681.

Sr:

This comes on the Sloope Arrivall upon whome wee enorder you to lade what goods and treasure you may have on board you for the Compas: Accott: excepting two Chests Silver which wee hereby enorder you to deliver to Mr: John Byam &ca: at Ballasore which is all at present from:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

Mr: George Herron.
Mr: Thomas Nevinson. Hugly 29th: August 1681.

Wee have sent you down (with this) four Boraes and four Oolocks to unlade the Compas: treasure and goods that are on the sloopes Arrivall and Ganges which wee would have you get effected with all convenient expedition, on these boates comes an Anchor for the Ganges soe that the Arrivall may take hers lent the other voyage, alsoe there comes 12 Lascarrs to help to unlade you both assoon as you have done which, wee enorder the Ganges to continue where she is except Winds prove

soe favourable as to bring her forward which in such case wee would not have the Master neglect and for the Arrivall that she proceed by the first oppertunity of Wind and Weather into Ballasore Roade and there according to our orders herewith to receive out of the Bengall Merchant and Cæsar such goods and treasure as wee have directed the respective Commanders to lade on board him and then immediately to set saile back againe to this Port and to give us notice as soon as she shall be arrived as nigh as can be for the present freshes that wee may take care for unladeing of w[t]: shall be thought convenient and to bring her up withe the rest.

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

Let M[r]: Nevinson observe to weigh his Anchor at slack water at least once in two daies Least it bury itselfe in these times of freshes on these two Boraes Lade Lead allow and the Anchors aloft on the thoughts, ydem

M: V:
E: L.
F: E.
R: T.

M[R]: GEORGE PEACOCK &C[A]: HUGLY 31TH AUGUST 1681.

S[rs]:

Wee wrote you last the 17th: instant and have since Rec[d]: yours of y[e]: 5th: ditto Month the ballance of your bookes signify little to us you not haveing been perticuler in the debts and Creddits thereof but couching severall Articles under the names of [sundry] Acco[tts]: which if they doe not agree with our bookes wee have no way to find out the ℘t[iculers] of them pray ever hereafter let every Acco[tt]: have it's name and not hidden under the denomination of sundry Acco[tts]: wee admire wee should not have on [*sic*] paire of Bookes [to] this day and doe admonish the second to be quicker at his writeing worke else he will hear from us in another straine for wee are certaine your bookes of Acco[tts]: are not of any such length to take much time in Coppieing out.

The Turmericq wee are advised arrived at Rajamaule but as yet appeared [not] here pray endeavour for what more Turmericq you can.

Enclosed a bill of Exchange on Muttrasaws Correspondent for Rup[s]: 25000 Acco[tt]: the Hon[ble]: Comp[a]: which with what you are in Cash will lay a faire foundation for the nex [*sic*] years investm[t]: of petre and Turmericq the latter of which wee doe enorder to be made about 6000 Mds. and especiall care to clear your Dustucks soe as that the latter petre may be comeing away be [*sic*] the middle of November at farthest what you have already pray send away in parcells as formerly enordred if not already done and soe as it comes in and the latter parcell as abovesaid and give the Drogaes and pions on the sev[ll]: boates strickt order to be very carefull in the way our Musters haveing this year suffered a considerable losse in those fine boates of Saltpetre lately cast away.

Your Diary for the last M[o]: wee have Rec[d]: alsoe the Invoyce of the Turmricq [*sic*] which comes out very almost 1 Rupie ℘ Md̃. with charges, the boatemens notes are alsoe come to hand wee call not else to minde save that wee are:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

MR: SAMUEL HERVY &CA: HUGLY 31TH: AUGUST 1681.

Srs:

Wee have Recd: yours of the 13th: instant but not till the 26th ditto and come to answer what pertinent therein and waveing the directions you seeme to give about the investments of your Factory wee have with this sent you 9 Chests silver being two Chests Ingotts and seaven Chests of Ryalls 8/8 all poiz Siccaes [*Lacuna in the original*] as ℔ a note of perticulers drawn up by the Warehousekeeper enclosed and amount as ℔: Invoice to Rups: [*Lacuna in the original*] which wee enorder you to goe in hand to invest in Cossaes and Mullmulls from Rups: 8 to 12 ℔: ps and in proportions Vizt: Cossaes Tangeebes &ca of that closer struck sort as usuall 4500 ps: and in Mullmulls 3500 ps: this get done and send the soonest you conveniently can.

The Rhumalls you mention are not the sort required in the List of the Honble: Compa: however enorder you by the next turn to send us one whole pe: of those you mention which will stand in about as you say 8Rs: ℔: ps; that wee may see and give order as finde good about them.

One of the Honble: Compas: Genlls: comes here with which send us agaiue alsoe what wee judge concerns in the Letter Recd: from the Agent and Councell at Fort St: George to which referr you.

The Flint Ware is in the River and in few daies wee shall send you a good quantity.

Your Warehouse keepers Reason for not acquainting you of those drinking glasses extrordinary that came with the other glasses of the Compas: the begining of Last year wee shall take a less busy time to inquire into; wee are:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

Our last to you was dated the 20th: Currtt: to which referr you expecting your complyance to what enordred therein.

MR: FYTCH NEDHAM &CA: HUGLY 1ST SEPTEMBER 1681.

Sr:

Our Last to you was dated the 18th: ultimo since which wee Recd: yours of ye: 28th: do: your other two Letters you mention of ye: 24th: and 25th: not yet come to hand wee are sorry to find your quarrells with Jimshear Beague rise soe high as yt: he should as in your postscript stop the whole business there which you would have done hugely well if by some well timed compliances in great part you had prevented which wee yet hope you have used some means since to doe.

As for the Pherwanna of the Nabobs on Boolchund to force us to live at Maulda or any other partes wee take it to be but a flamm it may be a huffe of ye: Governr: to affright you.

What you mean by our leaveing the Countrey to the Pattans wee understand not since wee never yet have taken any part thereof from them they liveing where they alwaies did and driveing the usuall trade as farr as they find convenient paying the same customes as formerly soe that on that Accott: nothing can be objected.

Wee hope you may be able to procure Washers Nurdiaes &ca: not belonging to Maulda enough to cure the Compas: goods now in house and it may be this thing

being now brought to the height will now by a little yeilding on each side come to the better accommodation wee have however written this day to Decca and sent Coppie of your Letter abovesaide strictly enordering them to procure a sudden Remidy in Respect of the Moonsoon drawing on.

The Oolock came hither y^{s} : morning and wee dispeeded him in ye Evening, wee rest :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

Enclosed wee send you sev^{ll} : clauses extracted out of the Fort Gen^{ll} : by the shipp Bengall Merchant date the 26th : July last concerning your Factory to which enorder yor : compliance &c^{a} : Ydem M V : E L : F E : R T :

M^{R} : SAMUEL HERVY &C^{A}: HUGLY 1ST SEPTEMBER 1681.

S^{rs} :

Yesterday wee wrote you with the Honble : Comp^{as} : treasure being 9 Chest[s] according to an Invoyce therewith to which and what then enordred referr you.

This morning came to our hands a Gen^{ll} : from Maulda dated y^{e} : 28 ultimo whose Coppie attested wee have remitted you whereby you will see what innovations Hur Narraine Gomosteh Jimsheur Beague's Ezaudaur contrary to y^{e} : new Phermaund y^{e} : Princes Neshaune y^{e} : Nabobs and Kings Duans Pherwannaes before but especially since our procureing y^{e} : same Phermaund endeavours to impose upon us, this [wee] earnestly recommend to you to get remidy for with all ye speed you can since [*a word or two lost*] what now done herein will be a custome on our Masters negotiations in these p[arts] and y^{e} : more hast is to be made herein in respect to y^{e} : time of departure of shipping which will now daily grow upon us wee doe therefore admonish you that if you [do] not absolutely find it will be without it that you solicite this business in person till you can bring it to a good issue.

And because sev^{ll} : things of y^{s} : nature has lately happened to our [Masters] molestation in these and other partes of Bengall as y^{e} : Rajpootes sonns case Boolchunds late stopping our boates and now this outragious dealing at Maulda and that you have not [till] some competent time after sent us warning thereof wee are apt to suppose the Vacqueele frequents not those Durrbarrs where things to our prejudice or of our good are transacted or does not keep that correspondence with those writers of those Durbars by whose means nothing of Moment concerning us need escape his knowledg but that he may have it and give you none of it whilest it is in y^{e} : Embrio and you thereby and seasonable applications might prevent the hindrance of our affaires therefrom wee doe enorder you therefore y^{t} you quicken the said Vacqueele leting him have those Expences you find necessary for his appearing at those Durbars and that you yourselfes be more Yare in the future soe that such Remoraes as these may not be imposed on our Masters Affaires Least by some sinister accident they may at one time or another be not only hurtfull to y^{e} : then present carrying them on as now but alsoe entaile bad customes never to be worn out or overcome wee have not elce to add save that the Bengall Merch^{t} : came into Ballasore Road y^{e} : 11th : and the Goldon Fleece y^{e} : 21th : ultimo the Caesar still expected and ere this may be there, wee remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: JOB CHARNOCK &C^{A}: HUGLY 12TH: SEPTEMBER 1681.

On these three boates wee have Laden fifteen Chests treasure our Honble: Employers whose Invoyce with y^{t}: of the dying materialls shall follow in few daies which is all at present from :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

On these boates wee send you y^{e}: box of Mustars sent by the Comp^{a} : alsoe enclosed comes y^{e} : respective Mangees Receits of the treasure.

M^{R}: JOB CHARNOCK &C^{A}: HUGLY Y^{E} 14TH: SEPTEMBER 1681.

Our last to you was of y^{e}: 12th: Curr^{tt}: sent you by boate with fifteen Chests treasure of y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Laden on three boates and in charge of six pions which wee hope in good time will arrive to you.

Wee have now on five boates and in charge of tenn pions sent you five and twenty Chests more of our Masters silver whose Invoyce shall this day forward to you this is what you may expect this year and till y^{e}: arrivall of next years expected shipping in Bullion what more shall bee wanting to make up your stocke enordred of £80000 shall be remitted you in Ready money and it may be assoon as you shall be able to Receive money on this now sent wee are now makeing out your proportion of stock in goods according to the amount sent us there this year which wee shall dispeed as it can be got ready and then shall send you an Invoyce thereof, wee Remaine :

The amount of y^{e}: treasure is 349456 Rs.
of y^{e} Dying stuffe—956 : 4$\frac{3}{4}$as.

Your Loveing freinds

MATT^{AS} VINCENT.
EDW^{D} : LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: JOHN BYAM &C^{A}: HUGLY 17TH SEPTEMBER 1681.

S^{rs} :

Wee wrote you last of y^{e} ; 28th: ultimo by y^{e} Sloope Arrivall to which referr you y^{e}: 8th: instant came to hand yo^{rs}: of y^{e}: 1st : and have now on this sloope Lilly sent you down M^{r}: Prickman and Robert Shermar for your assistance in this Moosoon [*sic*] business till further order shall be taken for your factory by y^{e}: Agent and Councell at the Fort.

Wee suppose ere this you may have taken ashoar what treasure and goods enordred on y^{e}: sloope Lilly wee have now sent you severall goods as hereunder specifyed pray by y^{e}: first send us an Acco^{tt}: of y^{e}: whole you shall with y^{s}: have Rec^{d}: y^{s}: shipping on Receit of which an Invoyce of y : whole shall be drawn out and sent you, you were to blame to take ashore all Ryalls $\frac{8}{8}$ being ordred hence otherwise and y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{a}: requireing that their treasure be vended in every factory that they may see in which it goes off best.

Rewedass &c^{a}: wee question not rather then miss the imprest will take it on y^{e}: sev^{ll} goods at somewhat a less rate then Chimcham &c^{a} : have done but you must be more vigilant over your Banians who endeavour as wee understand to hinder the way of new imprest what he [*sic*] can and if you find him faulty herein advise that wee may give orders to discharge him Resolveing to continue none in the service that withstand the Comp^{as} : interest.

Your Diary &c^{a}: wee have Rec^{d}: but finde it not soe full as it should be the Arrivall of the Dutch Moores &c: shipps from whenc &c^{a}: not being noted therein which is very proper advice from a Seaport Town as Ballasore is and wee desire it may not be omitted in the future.

The new sloope from Metchlepatam arrived near little Tanna with the Bengall Merchants goods the 5th Curr^{tt}.

Wee have given the Command^{rs}: in the Road ord^{r}: to ceize the Concha shipp & bring her under some one of their sterns assoon as they have done it to advise you there[of] on which you are to complaine in person to Mellick Cassim that the Zimmendar of Con[cha]haveing taken a boat with 700 baggs of thrice boiled petre of the Comp^{as}: as you can prove[by] the Mahzur you tooke from the Persons both pion and boatmen that went on her wee have been forced finding noe other remidy though wee had applyed our selfes in this business to Kateck and Ballasore too, to attach his shipp now in the Road but that on payment of the amount of the said fine petre and interest thereof wee are Ready to deliver his shipp againe otherwise that you have order to send her to Hugly to be sold there Coppie of our orders to the Command^{rs}: wee inclosed send you and as you proceed ashoar you are to direct them what to doe further therein on board in that Road.

Wee are glad of the Caesars Arrivall into the Road and haveing soe long since sent the sloope Arrivall hence hope the treasure &c^{a}: came on her is near: wee note the Reason of Thomas Bromleys not signing with you the former of those two assistants sent us to signe with you till further order, wee Remaine:

As wee had finnished the foregoeing wee Rec^{d}: news of y^{e}: sloope Arrivalls being safe in y^{e}: River with the treasure &c: enordred hither by y^{e}: shipp Caesar if Capt: Earning should have occasion for money on Acco^{tt}: his shipp wee enord^{r}: you to pay him w^{t}: he desires on y^{t}: Acco^{tt}: not exceeding Rup^{s}: 4000 and take a Receit for it payable to the Honble: Comp^{a}: on demand at s. 6: d. 6 ℔: Ryall or two Rupies:

Ydem M: Vincent.
E: Littleton.
F: Ellis.
R: Trenchfeild.

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

Capt: Nehemiah Earning. Hugly 17th: September 1681.

S^{r}:

Wee haveing Lately Rec^{d}: advises from the Cheife &c^{a}: in Ballasore that a shipp is come into the Road belonging to the Zimmendarr of Concha who Last year ceized on a boate of saltpetre of the Honble: Comp^{as}: q^{t}: 700 baggs which goods he denys though wee have good wittness thereof and still detaines wee therefore order you with the rest of the Commanders to whome wee have sent the like orders to y^{s}: now sent you to send a boats crew on board the shipp and make ceizure of her bringing her to an Anchor under some one of your shipps sterns as shall be thought convenient adviseing immediately thereof to M^{r}: John Byam &c^{a}: ashore at Ballasore and there let her Ride untill you shall hear from the saide Cheife there whose order as to your proceeding in this affaire you are to follow wee enorder you alsoe that you send such sober persons in Command over your men that nothing may be imbezled but that you give order that all Hattches scuttles &c^{a}: that belong to any place of the shipp where

goods are bestowed may be made fast and chauped by the Nocoda or person at attaching the saide shipp or that dureing the time she shall Ride among you comes on board her detaine and doe not suffer them to goe on shoar till M^{r} : Byam &c^{a} : shall direct you soe to doe which is all at present from :

The like order was delivered Capt: Leonard Brown: Commander of the shipp Anne and sent to Capt: John Goldsbrough Capt: James Cooke and Capt : Jonathan Andrews in Ballasore Road.

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: THOMAS NEVINSON. HUGLY 17TH: SEPTEMBER 1681.

Wee haveing laden what goods of the Honble : Comp^{as} : thought fitting enorder you on Receit hereof to Repaire on board immediately the sloop Lilly whereof you are Master and with the first oppertunity of wind and weather set saile bending your course for y^{e} : most speedy attaineing the Barr of Ballasore over w^{ch} : you are to proceed and when you are come soe farr as the English Bancksaule you are to send our packett herewith delivered you to M^{r} : John Byam &c^{a} : Factors whose orders you are to follow for your further proceedings.

There proceeds on the sloope Capt : Nehemiah Earning and Capt : Leonard Brown whom you are to put on board their respective shipps alsoe M^{r} : W^{m} : Prickman and Robert Shermar to all whome you are to be civill giveing the best accomodation of the Cabbin or that the Vessell affords as alsoe Doctor Stewart yet soe as that noe delay may be made by any of them in your intended voyage or that any damage may accrue by any of them to y^{e} : Honble : Comp^{as} : Vessell or goods on board her, wee wish you a good voiage and Remaine :

Acco^{tt} : of what goods laden on board the Lilly for Ballasore.

Fine broadcloth 6 p^{s} : N^{o} : 64 : 65 : 66 : 71 : 72 : 73

D^{o} : Ordinary 4 bales N^{o} : 79 : 80 : 81 : 87 :

Perpetuanoes–1 d^{o} : N^{o} : 5

Flint Ware 1 Chest N^{o} : 11

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R} : JOB CHARNOCK &c^{a} : HUGLY 17TH : SEPTEMBER 1681.

Our Last to you was dated the 12th : and 14th : Curr^{tt}: with 40 Chests of the Honble: Comp^{as} : treasure amounting as ꝑ Invoice then sent to Rup^{s} · 349456 there then went alsoe another Invoyce of the Dying materialls which wee sent you hence some daies before amounting to Rup^{s} · 956 : 11$\frac{3}{4}$^{a} : wee now come to answer your sev^{lls}: of y^{e} : 31th : ultimo y^{e} : 5th : and 13th : instant Rec^{d} : the 4th : 10th : and 16th : Curr^{tt} : which haveing been busyed in fitting the Comp^{as} : treasure first for Rajamaule and now most part thereof for Cassumbuzar &c^{a} : business of daiely incursion wee could not soe well attend to doe till now.

Wee well understand what wee directed about secureing the July bund of Raw Silke in the M^{o} : of August for 100 $^{rs.}$ or 150 ^{rs} to be given out on a bale but if the treasure could not or would not be disposed of that M^{o}: wee know that now the bund being all bought up and gone you cannot now have it but at an advanced Rate and about 300 $^{RS.}$ to be given out on each bale it does not now here appear that the stock enordred you was appointed by the Comp^{a} : to be posted up to you at once but as alwaies has been in such proportions as wee thought fitt to be sent and adequall to your investments and were sending all to the Mint at Rajamaule as you hint you intended part of it but your adviseing the 10th : instant to the Agent and Councell hindred it as in a following pharagraph shall advise.

You have the names lengths and breadths of those goods desired by the Comp^{a}: soe that you need not insist soe much on the Musters which assoon as wee could have them were sent you up but tis good to put great stress on some things that if things happen otherwise then desired the fault may be stated from ones selfe.

Wee note what you can provide for the tonnage of these shipps and have advised to the Coast would the Comp^{a}: be perswaded to furnish those partes with a double stock there [is no] great question but every one in his place without much difficulty might comply exactly wth: y^{e}: Honble: Comp^{as}: Requiries, Muttradass his brother sold noe silver at soe low Rates as you were informed.

The Letting those Sugar boates ly soe long without endeavouring to clear them might occasion suspicion in Bulchund that any of them should offer Rup^{s}: 10 to y^{e}: Chowkedarr is a story often of their own makeing to inhaust the Reporte of their integrity wth: their Master.

The answer Boochund [*sic*] gives about takeing or demanding noe custome or dutys [from] us but on our Peicaurs and Weavers is as old as the usuall answer that it is out of our [*a word lost*] imprested to them he must have it which is the same thing as if he tooke it of us he has as you know noe real Reason to be agreived at any trade of the Comp^{as}; there they paying all perticuler dutys customary but care must be taken in what bought by the Comp^{a}: and perticuler persons not on imprest but for ready money wee well know what Boolchund aimes at in all this but wee hope if M^{r}: Hervy bestirrs himselfe at Decca that wee shall get Redress against him as well as the Dutch have done your July Diary &c^{a}: was Rec^{d}: the 4th: instant wee are not affraide of Boolchunds informing King or Nabob against us well knowing he hath done what he can in that kind already as alsoe the order he has on us will not bear him out in his late actions.

Your letter to the Agent and Councell came too Late wee haveing sent w^{t}: materiall to be known to them in our Gen^{ll}: and did not think it worth the while to have another sett of Pattamarrs on purpose to carry that to the Fort wee note its contents as to our selfes and have in due place entred our thoughts thereon being loath to give our selfes the trouble of fending and proveing the whole year through wee find the difficulty of selling of silver with you by the ready money rate of those 25 Chests you have sold wee have according to your own minde hinted in your gen^{ll}: letter to the Fort done what wee can with conveniency to put you into Cash soe that wee hope you now can complaine of noe hindrance to your business hence.

Wee have againe written to Boolchund which wee enorder you to send your Vacqueele and deliver him as alsoe to desire his answer thereto, wee call not elce to minde at present save that wee are:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: SAMUEL HERVY &C^{A}: HUGLY 24TH: SEPTEMBER 1681.

Our last to you was dated the 1st instant since which wee have none from you these are to accompany our Letters to Hodgee Soffee Caun about Boolchunds stoping all our boates dureing his pleasure in severall places under his government as alsoe demanding new customes in Cassumbuzar of our Peicarrs and weavers who take imprest &c^{a}: as ꝑ that Letter will perticulerly appear and according to which wee enorder you to get out a pherwannae on him as the Dutch have already done in their case and send it us.

From Rajamaule wee have alsoe had complaints of Rajub Ally the Phousdar stoping our boates to and from Patt^{a}: on Acco^{tt}: of being Merchants good in the English name you may urge to the Duan that it is easy for any one to pretend that and soe stop our whole business wee have written this in our Letter to him Least wee should make it too long but enorder you to get a Pherwannae that our boates by Rajamaule according to former use and custome and the Phyrmaund & sev^{ll}: Pherwannaes.

By the Dutch wee had notice a weeke agone and wee therefor admire wee should not have it confirmed by you that two shipps belonging to the English fell by storme into Chattagaum and that are there detained the Nabob demanding their goods which wee hear is Copper tutanague &c^{a}: alsoe that one of them came from Bantam the other from Achin wee suppose the Bantam Shipp belongs to the Agent &c^{a}: there wee haveing notice by the Pearle a shipp belonging to M^{r}: Master that came Lately thence that such a shipp as is above mentioned came towards Bengall some 10 or 20 daies before her, the other shipp from Achin wee conceive belongs to M^{r}: Byam Cheife &c^{a}: Ballasore he expecting her thence wee have wrote about them to Hodgee Soffee caun and Ray Nundaloll and desire Pherwannaes may be got out if they are not yet realeased that they may be suffered to depart to their respective Ports whether they are bound the charge of the Pherwannaes for the shipps they shall make good.

Wee recommend those Sev^{ll}: affaires to your quickest dispatch you well knowing how much they import the well proceeding of the Honble: Comp^{as}: Negotiations things of this nature growing worse by delay, wee Remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

Just as wee were about sealing up of these came advice by a Merchants Cossidd from Rajamaule with a Coppie of Hodgee Soffee Cauns Pherwanna on the Droga of the Mint which enclosed send you to take 4 Rupees ℘ C^{t}: of us and the Dutch and he informes us that the said Droga besides that will have 15as ℘ C^{t}: Acco^{tt}: the Mint Master or [*a word frayed away*] you see how thick trouble comes on and new customes are [coming] on our Masters business it doth therefore behoove you to bestirr yourselfes as wee doe hereby strickly in our Masters name require you to doe that these things may be cleared or at least well settled the Dutch boates are cleared by a Pherwannae ours still stoped our peicaurs and Weavers at Cassumbuzar as wee hear are laid hold on and troubled on Acco^{tt}: paying custome and though they are our Gomostahes and alwaies provide us goods on our imprest yet now declared by Boolchund to be Merchants and that of them not us he takes custome things with many more wee have from time to time advised you but wee find no Remidy for and can but againe inculcate to you requireing your dilligent and unwearied endeavours to put them to some good issue.

Our friend [*sic*] at Maulda wrote you the 7th : instant and haveing almost no assistance were forced to write you their greivances in Nagry wee earnestly recommend the clearing of those pointes and that noe stone be Left unturned to perfect through remidys and wee doe againe order Mr : Hervy &ca : to follow those things daily on Durbarr days themselfes as the Cheife did when he got out the Princes Neshaune in 1678 and not to leave them to the sollicitation of a Vacqueele wee knowing them to be of great import to our Masters affaires in these partes. Ydem.

M : Vincent.
E : Littleton.
F : Ellis.
R : Trenchfeild.

Mr : George Peacock &ca : Hugly 22d September 1681.

Srs :

Our Last to you was dated the 31th : ultimo to which referr you wee have the [*a word lost*] instant Recd : yours of the 16th : ditto the same day that the boate with the Honble : Compas : Saltpetre arrived which wee have since weighed and buryed it holding out 1202mds : 24srs : Hugly weight wee cannot but reminde you againe to make a strickt enquiry into your weights and [to] rectify them they seeming fauly [*sic*] in that of late years the weight of your factory goods [have] not held out soe well in this place as formerly.

Wee hope you will be able to procure the 1000mds Turmericq you write [concerning] this year and advise us what you can provide of that Commodity against next [*a word lost*] giveing out money in the spring that wee may hence take care to another place in Bengall where wee hear near the quantity of 6000 Mds required may be had.

Mr : Peacocks answer to the Accomptants charge laid to him on Accott : of goods wanting in bales packed by him whilest he was Warehousekeeper at Ballase. and here wee have Recd : and can only say that the substance thereof shall be sent in answer thereto home.

The 5th : Currtt : your two bills one for 653Rs : the other for 2000Rs : were presented and accepted by us and the former paide at time the latter being drawn for Rupies Agra they would not take peet for but they demand wee know not what Batta which you not hinting to us in your Letter and being informed that Rups : Agra are the peet of pattana as alsoe considering that you advise of noe exchange Recd : thereon denyed to allow and therefore desire your speedy advice whether you made any such agreement if you did what it is that wee may answer it here accordingly haveing offered the payment of the money [at times and] to stand to what agreement at your takeing and drawing the money us at Patta : but wee enorder you in the future that in case you must allow batta here except in cases of Exigence (when you may want money for our Masters Accott : &ca :) that you take the same or as much on Accott : exchange it being but reason that you should not lose by doeing courtesies of this nature.

The paire of Last years bookes wee have Recd : wee have neither [weights] nor scales to spare to weigh either saltpetre or treasure but shall advise the Compa : concerning some this year which is all at present from :

One paire of your bookes of Accotts : are not yet Recd : which your second will be called to Accott : for.

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri : Trenchfeild.

Mr: Fytch Nedham &ca: Hugly 22D: September 1681.

Srs:

Our Last to you was dated the first Currtt: since which wee have Recd: none from you this is Returned you by Hurgolaull the porunnia writer who hath satisfyed us in our Maine doubt that the saltpetre of these partes is made in Sphendiaur Caunes Governmt: in Bengall and not in the Governmt: of the Nabob of Patta: he tells us further that one Daudnee [*or*] imprest 6000 mds of 60Rs: each may be had there and that if those Jogees would take another imprest which is not customary (but they he questions not may be brought to it) twice or thrice as much Saltpetre more as above mentioned might yearly be procured thence upon hopes and likelihood thereof wee enorder you (after you are with us pretty well satisfyed) with the feasableness of the thing) with[t ?] delay to send this man or if you have any other you like better you may have send him with about 3 or 4000Rs to secure 6000 Mds of that countrey Saltpetre and between 4 or 5000 Mds of Turmericq: the saltpetre Gomosteh has been told by us that except that wee can have 2½ mds of Chutteessee ℘ Rup: it will not turn to Accott: and wee hope on giveing out imprest it may be effected the Turmericq is Rated on Daudnee at 4½mds ℘ Rupie and the mds are Chutteessee which is pretty well pray take care to secure those two commoditys and whomever you send to inculcate to him the encreasing the quantity of saltpetre what he can and that he insist with those Jogees who are the saltpetre men and have Wifes [and] Children at Porunia that after this imprest, which wee now will be giveing them out next month and may be brought in by the Month of June next that they take another Daudnee if the petre can be made which they may give in before the Raine time that not begining till May next betwixt January and which time they may get ready a good quantity whatever imprest is given to them in each [*a word illegible*] or Arrung wee should judge it best to make the petre men and those the Turmerick is imprested to interchangeable security the one for the other which you may alsoe recommend to the person you send.

Pray strictly encharge whomsoever you send that they be punctuall in their advises to you giveing you at such times and periods as you shall finde convenient notice what they have done and how goods come in &ca that you may write us and as occasion Requires have orders hence how to proceed.

Haveing proceeded thus farr came in yours of the 8th: and 14th: instant with Coppie of yours to Decca dated the 7th: ditto the Accott: you have given James Price (our Vacqueele at Decca) for want of assistance with you to draw it out in English) in Nagry wee have recommend [to the] Cheife &ca: there enordring them to endeavour a remidy the soonest that may be which hope [also] [*a word lost*] will accordingly comply with and put that affaire with some others to a good issue.

Wee have but four come out of England as assistants in Bengall and those all are fixed to their employments at Ballasore the second dead and the 3d: useless soe that wee have sent you George Stone to assist in coppieing with you and Mr: Prickman assoon as those 15 Chests last sent him hence are coined and their Accotts: made up and remitted us will be comeing to you which is all wee can possibly afford you this year.

By ye: Compas: orders you will finde wt: sort & coulers of Erendees they require which pray endeavour yor: utmost to comply wth: this year as well as next.

Wee are very glad to understand you have got Washers and Condegurs enough for ys: years business yt: belong not to Maulda which pray Cherrish & keep by you.

Wee shall send you part of wt: rarieties and toies wee can get as alsoe Red & green ordinary Broadcloth.

Wee note wt: you write about Boolchunds servant comeing as an Ameen his giveing such faire words imports yt: there is noe such thing as yor: Ezaurdaur pretends it being quite contrary to all or: priviledges to be forced to make factorys

where those Governours please it being by y^e: Kings Phyrmaund Princes Neshauns and all subsequent Nabobs Pherwanoes granted us to send Factors and build factorys where wee like best all over this countrey which must be yor: answer and y^t: you will not Remove without ord^r: from y^e King $\&c^a$.

You must make y^e: best Roome you can where you intend to build the factory (in case you cannot & it will be very inconvenient at Maulda) by makeing of raysed [*a word or two lost*] lahes of w^{ch}: you must be exceeding carefull in Respect of casualltys by fire and assoon as possible be sending yor: goods away wee hope ere you will have occasion againe that y^e: factory [*a word lost*] be built up concerning which wee can add nothing but to inculcate frugallity in building.

Wee hope in case M^r: Hervy $\&c^a$: doe bestirr themselfes in the business and [the] others of y^e: Tanaksaule passing of boates at Rajamaule $\&c^a$: as wee have strictly enordred them y^t: all those troubles will blow over in a short time & as to yor: case wee could not but reasonably expect something of them they generally [?] all sorts of business at first settling w^{ch}: is all at present from:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R: TRENCHFEILD.

Accompanying these have sent you two $Lett^{rs}$: one to Sphendiaur Caune the other to Bool: Caune w^{ch}: on sending y^e: Gomosteh to Porunnia pray hasten what possible you [*a word lost*] may be delivered him:

Ydem: M: V. E: L. F: E. R: T.

M^R: JONATHAN PRICKMAN. HUGLY 22^D: SEPTEMBER 1681.

Wee have Rec^d: yo^{rs}: without date the 16th instant adviseing of y^e: safe arrivall of fifteen Chests of our Masters Treasure w^{th}: you y^e: 3^d ditto (as wee suppose) but wee are exceeding troubled that when you saw yor: Podaur there continued soe long sick you did not in less then halfe y^e: time take care for another the $Comp^{as}$: occasions being urgent for money and silver selling soe slowly y^t: wee fear the Mint will now be clogged on all hands w^{ch}: will demonstrate w^t: damage may accrue by your lying still twenty daies expecting your Podaurs recovery.

Wee hope you have not kept y^e: Rup^s: out of y^e: Mint untill yor: Mauld Silver $Acco^{tt}$: was cleared for that will be too great losse of time for they may and hope doe goe on togather and yet kept apart for y^e: Maulda silver $Acco^{tt}$: must be made thither and that of those Last fifteen Chests hither.

If you continue y^e: Droga and Chowkee yor: freinds wee question not but the silver will come out well enough which therefore you must endeavour to doe.

Wee hope the Droga of y^e: Mint has been as good as his word with you in returning y^e: custome he has stopped and that you have come to some advantagious $agreem^t$: with him about the charges of coineing $\&c^a$.

Wee have formerly and now againe written to Decca for Hodgee Soffee Caunes Pherwannae on your Phousdarr and hope it will at Last come to redress our troubles there however wee doe direct you with M^r: Nedham $\&c^a$: at Maulda to see if by a small present you can see to keep Rajub Ally's freindshipp for without that he will alwaies be findeing out new waies to trouble us and of this advise immediately to Maulda that some course may be taken the sooner the better.

By this express wee cannot send the Sword blades $\&c^a$: you write for but in y^e boate wee send to pattana wee may.

What treasure have sent you up in those fifteen Chests is what for ought wee know you will have to come this year pray hasten it what you possibly can, part of it being exceedingly wanted.

Assoone as you have got Rups : 20000 togather send it away by boate to Beetledass Muttrasaw's sonn at Muxadavad who according to our order will change it into good peet and send it to send it to Serepore Merchã &ca : where wee have provided Hummums for the Honble : Compas · Accott : which is all at present from :

In case there should be any stopp at the Mint you must come to some agreement with the Droga till you can hear from Decca therein [that] the business may goe on adviseing us immediately thereof and pray make what hast you possibly can with your business there your assistance being much wanted at Maulda. Ydem : MV : EL : FE : RT :

Your Loveing freinds
MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

MR : JOB CHARNOCK &ca : HUGLY 27TH : SEPTEMBER 1681.

Srs :

Our Last to you was dated the 22d : instant whose Coppie attested send us being by mistake sent hence without Registring wee have since Recd : yours of the 22d ditto with the news of the safe arrivall of the two boates with fourty Chests of our Masters plate togather with an Invoyce thereof and of the Dying materialls.

Your giveing out Dollers to the Silke Merchants will certainely make them fall exceedingly which wee suppose [is] the reason that sevll : of them cannot [be induced to take them | knowing the certaine Loss must be susteined thereby.

Wee are sorry for the death of Soocaun Nundsaw though wee are very senseable he did you noe good office in the contract for the former 25 Chests of Ryalls there being nothing due thereon to this day of his death nor some time afterward and wee that know him here could well understand that he would have deposited but little before his contracted time money being scarce and exchange running high.

Wee admire you should write to us for money you haveing now ± 65000 : or there abouts of the Compas : treasure there had wee it here wee should not question but to raise money thereon but our Cash here will not pass with you and wee are not willing to engage farr off Least in the meantime you should have taken other measures as Mr : Charnock did in the soe often Repeated plate business anno 167$\frac{5}{6}$ but if on a second tryall you shall advise you cannot raise money which wee desire may be speedy the year spending apace shall then endeavour the best remidy the shortness of the time has Left us to prosecute hence.

Before yours of the 7th : instant arrived with yours of the same date to the Agency wee had resolved to send all the remaineing treasure to the Mint but finding it thereby dangerous for us soe to doe though as things stood and it was the quickest way to turn our Mastrs : plate into ready money wee were forced for our own safety and indempnification to alter our resolutions and send you up your stock.

Wee sent the box of Musters with all that came in it save the Pinnassees whose Mustar wee took out there is in it one Mustar Chucklees 13 do : of soosees and one ditto of Dooreae which pray return us the Attlesses which may be you may not minde being ordinary ones went alsoe therewith for the Girdles and Silk Neckclothes they came not in the box or List the Phoolkerries are to be had at Dainhaut but the ordinary ones, the best are made at and about you.

John Ellitt if he is inclined to goe hence as wee find he is else would never make such madd proposalls as are the conditions of his stay, pray discharge him this Month being quarter day his business may be well enough managed by the Zeredaur or Cheife Bengall Workman belonging to the Shopp under the inspection of some

carefull Englishman there you haveing some who tooke the Acco^{tt}: of that business formerly it being a thing that since tis now on worke will require noe extrordinary art to carry it on.

Your Diary and Consultations wee have Rec^{d}: and give our remarkes thereon in our Diary not to fill our Lett^{rs}: up with unnecessary subjects Factors stores shall come wth: the goods, alsoe one Chest of Wine, the news of the stop or rather new exaction at the Mint at Rajamaule wee Rec^{d}: some days since and hope the care wee have taken therein to Decca if they will there stirr in it may produce a sudden and ineffectuall Remidy, wee Rest:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD: LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: GEORGE PEACOCK &C^{A}. HUGLY 3^{D}: OCTOBER 1681.

S^{rs}:

Our Last to you was dated the 22^{d} and of the 25th: ultimo Rec^{d}: yours of the [7th:] and note the mistake in the tubb of Vermillion which charge Accordingly to Acco^{tt}: wee by advises from Decca that one tub sent thither comes out short in weight the [*a word lost*] noe more then 9 mds (though wee must blame the Warehousekeeper for haveing noe care in his own concerns) wee permitt you to charge at the Hugly rate with its costs charges up to you the other goods that were not opened ere now but taken by consent from the precedeing Warehousekeeper you must take care to get well attested for the present incumbents and indempnification in case of being hereafter called in question.

The Mahzur or certificate about Seif Caunes breaking up and robbing our factory at Singee you will doe very well to get ready as you intimated and with as much frugallity as you can but wee think not convenient to make an open complaint against him at Dilly haveing the fresh example of the Dutch complaineing against Shasteh Caune to their great detriment and overthrowing the other business they then had at Court it would wee conceive be better after you have secured the Mahzurs that you sent up a Vacqueele to Dilly enordring him to threaten Seif Caune except he paide the damages susteined of which you may send a List with him (which wee would alsoe have you to send us a Coppie of) that according to said Mahzur he has order to complaine to the King of him which wee doubt not but will make him comply and the same Vacqueele may thereto preferr our complaints as occasion serves till further order wee doe not understand the old Vacqueele to be our servant he obeying noe order as perticulerly writeing to us once every which many Months agone wee made the condition of paying him his wages but haveing thus notoriously failed therein wee shall take noe further notice of him pray take good notice or heed of your choise of another.

Wee should be very glad to hear the 10000 Mds saltpetre were on the way you will doe very well to keep a good correspondence not only with the Nabob but his Muttsuddies alsoe whome wee enorder you not to fall out or be at variance with but in such cases where their freindshipp does you the office of an enemy but wee doe not approve of your takeing exceptions at words which might as well have not been understood and it may be better then unseasonably taken notice of.

Your Diary and Acco^{tt}: Cash wee have Rec^{d}: for the M^{o}: August, which is all at present from:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

Mr : JONATHAN PRICKMAN. HUGLY 3D : OCTOBER 1681.

Sr :

Our Last to you was dated the 22d ultimo to which and our orders therein referr you wee have since Recd : yours of the 25th : ditto and doe enorder you after you have sent (as wee suppose ere this arrives you will have done) the 20000 Rs. enordred to Serepore Mercha or Muxadavad that you remitt to the amount of 10000 Rs. and not above to Cassumbuzar for Accott : of the Honble : Compa : desireing Mr : Charnock &ca : there to advise us from time to time what they thus receive from You as you must likewise doe what you send thither the remainder arriseing by those 15 Chests Let come with the Accott : of them hither that soe that Accott : may be cleared here without cumbring your Maulda bookes therewith.

Wee have taken what care wee can to Decca about the custome of the Mint wth : you haveing had notice by Merchants advises of Hodgee Soffee Caun's pherwanna Lately sent the Droga thereof about it as alsoe about Rajib Ally your Governours stoping our boates on Accott : custome &ca : and if they there will bestirr themselfes wee doe not much question but shall have a remidy for all in a short time.

The plate sent you is all weighed here by Rajamaule Siccaes of the first Minting which begun [the latter end of the Ram Zanne the will be a small difference but you must take care of such [...] they being but too frequent with those [... wee Remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.]

Mr : JOB CHARNOCK &CA : HUGLY 3D OCTOBER 1681.

Srs :

Our Last to you was of the 27th ultimo since which wee have none from you this comes with 5 boates of goods for our Masters Accott : amounting as ℘ Invoyce accompanying to Rups : 34073 : 7a this being your proportion of Stock in goods enordred you for this season and till the succeeding Shipping by the Honble : Compa : which is all at present from :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD

Accompanying have sent you the sevll : Mangees Receits for the Compas : goods .

Mr : SAMUEL HERVY &CA : HUGLY 7TH : OCTOBER 1681.

Srs :

Our Last to you was of the 22d ultimo to which referr you since which wee have the 3d : instant recd : yours of the 23th : Last Month.

Your care about Durbarr business recommended to you will most truely appear by what you have done therein according to order hence as alsoe by the time you have taken for them your talk about them signifying little more then your ending the Rajapootes Sonns business which is still depending and if wee cannot obviate it here (as wee conceive wee now shall) may yet continue wee know not how long, matter of vexation to us the Cheife was and is forced to write to the Vacqueele there because he finds himselfe soe little regarded by you and yet what he does write to the Vacqueele is Little but what enordred to you in generall we could enter into a long discourse of these matters as you doe and magnify our own conduct our prudent foresight in giveing orders &ca : but it not being ad rem wee shall wave it.

The Coppie of the Pherwannae on Boolchund wee have Rec^d^ : and understand that M^r^ : Charnock &c^a^ : have Rec^d^ : its originall and sent it as directed.

As to the business of Maulda it will not seem soe intricate if well Looked unto and considered as you seem at present to conceive wee cannot immagine why our paying one year any duty contrary to our priveledges can entaile it upon us as a custome never to be broken and wee well understand however you word it that the chaup is a custome upon the goods not the Weaver who pay their duty yearly at soe much in each of their Loomes the Dutch wherever they goe Love to pay dutys of their own perticuler emolument [*a word or two lost*] is well known and they have some shaddow of reason for their soe doeing more then [*a word lost*] our Phyrmaunds differing in that respect only Maulda being a Jaggeer or ꝑticuler mans Rents was one Reason of our Removeing thence and settleing as now wee have done in the Colsa or Kings Rents and to prevent the clamour made on our endea[vour] to spoile the trade of Maulda which say what they will none can be soe much a [*a word lost*] as to think wee can doe with the yearly stock of noe more then 100,000 Rs. ꝑ annum [of w^ch^] not above 20000 Rs. is invested in Maulda Governm^t^ : wee say to prevent this scan[dal] raised on our new factory at Muckdumpore there has care been taken to get Washermen Condegurs Nurdiaes &c^a^ : from other partes who are to settle under our Government as servants and will be sufficient next year to doe all our business in these partes and had they not been laid hold of by Jimshear Beague might have ꝑformed the business of this Moonsoon alsoe wee doe not find upon the whole matter that if the case of Maulda were duely stated and dilligently followed y^t^ : wee have to contend with the Nabob at all therein except the Congoe you speak of would on our paying the chaup at Maulda advance the rent of the Jaggeer to him which wee suppose he never intends and if this business were duely represented our paying any duty's contrary to our priviledges never haveing [been] the condition of the Nabobs receiveing soe much rent of Hurr Narraine on that place more then as you say he can make thereof wee hope since he cannot at worst say that wee doe or have endamaged him but that his Loss has been the same on the rent he paies the Nabob before wee came as now nay as might be made appear rather Lessned for the more employment the Weavers has the more Loomes are sett at worke and the dutys thereon the more and by continuall employment the Weaver is the better enabled to pay wee say all the premisses considered wee cannot see that it would be soe impossible to wade through this business as you seem by your Letter to apprehend and wee againe strictly recommend to, wee are as little for makeing publicq complaints as you except in cases of exigence but wee think you might take occasion to break this with Ray Nundalaull showing him that the Nabob receives noe proffitt by it but wee not only charge contrary to our Phyrmaund and Pherwannaes but [alsoe] a great deal of trouble and obstruction to our whole business in the Jurisdiction of [*a word lost*] Maulda as often as the Governour there shall not have his covetous desires fullfilled wee doe not absolutely mistake your endeavouring to compose the business with Hurr Narraine there it being a good way if can be done as you say on reasonable terms which it may be the Ray may bring him to on your discourseing what wee have above directed to him and therefore wee enorder you to proceed (if you cannot finnish with Hur Narraine) to Ray Nundalaull the Last Remidy if you cannot prevaile any thing against them that wee enjoyn you unto is that you get an authenticq ꝑwanna that the chaup is to be paid only for such of our goods as are made in the present Governm^t^: of Maulda and noe where elce this must be your Last refuge if you cannot prevaile for more (as wee hope you may) and is what wee have to say in that concern.

Wee wrote your Receit and weighing of the nine Chests of treasure Lately sent you the 7 Chests of Ryalls held out here Rup^s^ : 60122 : 4^a^ : weight and the ingotts Rup^s^: 18998 : 12 there will be some small diffirence because Decca Siccaes doe something exceed in weight those of Rajamaule by which this treasure as weighed here.

Your Diary for August wee Rec^d^ : and would have you take care in the future to send them us sooner this comeing out of time to hands.

Wee doe not understand but that it will be very detrimentall to the Honble: Comp^a^: if you doe not use your utmost endeavours to get those two shipps freed that are fallen into Chattagaum by storm since they both belong to the Comp^as^: Servants

at Bantam and here and wee enorder you not to goe about as if it were a perticuler business but as a Gen^ll : concern among them as the Comp^as : and therefore get them a ℘wanna to be cleared thence the soonest you can Least by delaies they should not come hither in time to ℘forme their intended voiages on the turn of the Moonsoon it may some time or another be the success of some of our Masters shipps to fall into the same Port by [bad weather what] therefore you [*a word lost*] now for these will be a precedent for them and therefore wee stricktly enorder you to be very carefull in this affaire and to get out a ℘wanna as abovesaide with all the frugallity and expedition you can adviseing us when effected the charge that wee may receive it of the concerned at their comeing hither

Those Handkercheifes of Decca of which you sent us one calling them Rhumalls wee are of oppinion that they are not meant by those in the Comp^as : List and therefore forbidd you buying any more then four or five peeces to be sent home for a Mustar.

Of our stores of Factors provissions and coine you shall suddenly Receive your factory's share by boat with some goods on Acco^tt : the Honble : Comp^a :

The Pherwannae for our coining money at Rajamaule if it come not after wee shall have been forced to pay it's custome on what treasure now there will doe exceeding well wee want alsoe a pherwanna on the Kings and Nabobs people too at Rajamaule not to stop our boates goeing to and comeing from Pattana concerning which wee wrote you in our Last.

Coja Evaitoola has been in this town upwards of a month dislikeing almost every thing therein and will doubtless complaine of all to Hodgee Soffee Caune wee give you this item that you may prepare the Vacqueele to answer what he may have to say to our prejudice which though wee doe not know he will doe yet thought it not unnecessary to give you the caution and Remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^r : JOHN BYAM &c^a : HUGLY 8TH : OCTOBER 1681.

S^rs :

Our Last of the 17th : wee finde you have Rec^d : ℘ the Lilly being sorry she is Runn ashoare in the late unexpected storme though are informed she may well come of by the help of Pergoes the next spring haveing broken nothing but her Mast of which wee were alwaies afraide and you must get her another out of the Shipps Capt : Brown if you can get him a top Mast which wee hear Capt : Andrews has to spare will Let you have a small Mizen Mast which will make her a good Mast for her way of saileing, pray get her fitted assoone as possible and Let her come up laden with planck which get sawed the Comp^as : being all burnt here of which let ⅕ part be of thickness for Carriages for Gunns, &c^a : for grosser worke these new Sloopes much worke left to be done on them from the Coast.

Wee wrote you last for an Acco^tt : of goods and treasure you had taken ashoare out of the shipps in which must alsoe be added what sent you now on the Lilly pray faile not to send it us ℘ your next that wee may have an Invoyce of the whole and you be debetted accordingly.

Wee are glad Rewedass and Comp^a : have accepted of the Comp^as : imprest at more reasonable rates then Chimcham and Comp^a : could be brought to you must not fancy that the Ballasore people are soe afraid of y^e : latter as you hear he being only their Chowdry or Representer and they together are able to doe him much more harme otherwise as he well understands Maugre his huffing then he could doe them with the Governour wee doe enorder you to encourage this parcell of [*a word lost*] and at time of sorting goods not to Let them fare worse then Neighbours but rather in considera[tion] of the present abatement made and the light this may give you into the true Rate of those Commoditys enordred by our Masters from Orixa to use them favourably.

Wee note what you write about the Zimmendarr Concha and that his shipp is [at] present ceized upon by the Nabob of Orixa his order and brought into Ballasore River tis [not] impossible but the Zimmendar may come to some accomodation [wi^th^] the Nabob to clear his Sh[ipp] in which case our orders to the Commanders and you of the 17th : ultimo stand in force and [we] expect your and their complyance there with.

Wee are very glad the English shipps escaped the late [violent storme] [*a few words lost*] [soe well and] they have lost none of their Anchors though wee fear [they will] [*a few words lost*] miss their [*a few words lost*] which happened to be on board in a bad time paper inke and quills shall be sent you on the Lilly when she Returns hence, wee Rest :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^R^: JOB CHARNOCK &C^A^: HUGLY 10TH: OCTOBER 1681 :

S^rs^:

Our Last to you was dated the 3^d^: Curr^tt^: by boate with a parcell of goods hence on the Hou^ble^: Comp^as^: Acco^tt^: whose Invoice accompanyed them to which referr you wee have now yours of the 29th: ultimo and 4th: Curr^tt^: to answer Rec^d^: the 3^d^: and 8th: instant the latter came with a Coppie attested of ours of the 27th: past and to what wee finde pertinent in both wee shall laying aside your Cavills, studiously composed evasions and made stories which wee well understand (both to you and Decca too) and shall obviate it in time and place convenient Leaveing the dicission of all to whome it belongs haveing five Factory's whome wee would call subordinate all whose affaires not to dwell on those of any one it lies upon us to minde consider and direct.

Wee note you haveing Rec^d^ : the Kings Duans pherwanna on Boolchund for cleareing our business under his Government which wee hope he has obeyed.

It is noe new thing with Boolchund to throw peoples Letters away at the fir[st] reading them if not pleasing to him he haveing as wee have heard served some of his [masters] soe :

Assoon as it can be coined wee have ordred a Lack of Rup^s^: to be sent you from the Mint the which you have some thing obstructed by detaineing the late treasure about four day's with you and this with the goods lately sent you up will be your stock enordred by the Comp^a^: the Charges of your stock goes out of that which Remaines to which therefore it is reasonable it should be accomptable and make the amount good too the Comp^as^: orders have all along as wee understand been that where money failed it should be taken up at interest for the supplying of their factorys of Cassumbuzar and Pattana to which referr you.

You sent us an Acco^tt^: of your tonnage the 31th: August last soe that (some what elce not that as you now write was the reason of the delay of yours to the Agent and Councell wee shall finde it by the next though the Acco^tt^: of the tonage in your residence was among the Rest advised to the Fort in our last.

Wee doe disapprove of sending Tho : Hill to the Mint with the Comp^as^: treasure it being possitively against their orders he being under the degree of a Factor and it seems strange to us the second of Maulda being already at Rajamaule should consigne the Comp^as^: treasure to any other as if the Comp^a^ : had two interests in Bengall wee enorder therefore that Tho : Hill be called back since the second of Maulda is there on purpose for the business of coinage if there bee extrordinary occasion you may spare a Factor thither to keep your treasure apart.

Wee know very well that there are as good Shroffs in Muxadavad as Soocanundsaw was and who could command as much ready Cash as he fetching it from the same he did that is the Nabobs treasury which being drawn away and Exch^a^: running high

he could not as wee foresaw comply and therefore wee had provided Remidy which your Letter abovementioned to the Agent and Councell forestalled.

The Musters of Soosees Dooreaes and Chuckalaes wee have Received and doe againe.

Mr: Jonathan Prickman &ca: Hugly 11th: October 1681:

Srs:

Our Last to you was dated the 3d instant to which Referr you.

Wee have understood that from Cassumbuzar the have sent 20 or 22 Chests Silver to be sold or coined at the Mint at Rajamaule our order her hereupon [*sic*] is that the inspecktion of the Coinage thereof be still yours and whoever comes with any treasure for the Honble: Compas: Accott: notwithstanding whatsoever orders and instructions the bringrs may have from the subordinate Cheifes and Councell in Bengall that for this season they are under you in the affaire of coining wee en-ordring you to communicate all yor: proceedings Relateing to their quantity of treasure from time to time and that you alwaies take them to the Tancksaule whilest that is fitting to be coined that they may be as fully accquainted with all things therein as yourselfe only since wee cannot but thinke it for the Honble: Compas: honour and advantage too wee doe resolve to have no more but one superintendent for their Accott: in any one Residence under our direction at one time.

The Accott: of the Charges of the Mint on our fifteen Chests and Maulda twelve Chests formerly sent you as alsoe of what now or hereafter for this season may be consigned thither from Cassumbuzar and coined with you at Rajamaule wee enorder you to keep a part to say the Accott; of our fifteen Chests to be sent us hither that of the Maulda treasure thither and of what shall be coined from Cassumbuzar to be transmitted them thither all of them on your finnishing the coinage of each Respective Factorys qt. of treasure but the whole Accott: of the Genll: charges of the Factory dureing the time of your residence at the Mint wee enorder you to send us the monthly perticulers of fairely drawn out that wee may here lay it on the whole treasure and charge each factory with its due proportion which is all at present from:

Your Loveing freinds
Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

Mr. John Byam &ca: Hugly 27th: October 1681.

Srs:

The 8th: Currtt: wee wrote you last and four daies since came to hand yours of the 15th: Currtt: with Copie of your Diary &ca: for the Ms: August and September but it ought to come signed by you not as this a bare transcript which wee therefore expect, your books of Accotts: are likewise Recd.

Wee hope you have cleared and got of the Lilly with her goods and that [She] will suddenly be here with the planck &ca: as formerly you enordred.

Enclosed comes an order to Capt: Cooke to take on boar the Goldon Fleece [*a word lost*] of the Compas: timbers at Ballasore for the Fort which deliver him and hasten [*a word or two lost*] of to his ship sending his receit for them in a line or two to the Agent and [*a word lost*] wee have not elce to add at present but that [you] hasten the Lilly hither [*a few words lost*] possible and Rest:

Three of you and noe more are to signe to Genll: papers Coppie of ours by the Lilly dated the 17th: ultimo we send Enclosed not finding that the originall was come to hand and wee suppose may be stoped on board the Sloope.

Your Loveing freinds
Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

CAPT : JAMES COOKE : HUGLY 27TH : OCTOBER 1681.

Sr :

You are hereby enordered to take on board your shipp Goldon Fleece to take in 150 timbers such as Mr : John Byam Cheife &ca : at Ballasore shall send of to you and to give a Receit for the same to be delivered to the order of the Agent and Councell at Fort St : George either there or at any place on the Coast of Choromandell as they shall think fitt, wee Remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

MR : JOHN BYAM &CA : HUGLY 29TH : OCTOBER 1681.

Srs :

Wee wrote you last the 27th : instant and therewith sent you coppy of ours of the 17th : ultimo by the Lilly not findeing that come to your hands enclosed wee send you a List of goods enordered to be provided in Ballasore Factory being extracted out of the Genll : List of goods demanded from Bengall which came annexed to their Genll : Letter by the George and you had a sight of them yet not knowing whether you might draw out of said Letter and List what concerns yor : Factory thro' want of assistance wee have now againe sent it you enordring your compliance what you can therewth : there is alsoe enordred one hundred bales of Cotton Yarn, but it being found soe difficult, near an impossibillity to have it reeled in Ballasore according to the order which was the reason that the Honble : Compa : formerly prohibited it, that wee thinke not fitting (hopeing to have tunnage enough besides) to have it bought.

The Cowries you buy Let them not be of the great sort but of the midleing, wee Remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

MR : FYTCH NEDHAM &CA : HUGLY 29TH : OCTOBER 1681.

Srs :

Wee have Recd : yours of the 15th : instant five daies agone togather with the inclosed papers and the Letters to and from Rajamaule all whose contents wee observe the Price of Saltpetre and turmericq, in Porunnia Wee have not absolutely [*a word lost*] leaveing that to you to make the best of your termes you can but was a Calculate according to Ballasore Accott : you lately sent us.

Wee hope notwithstanding the Neglect at Decca or what elce may be in it that all your goods in house and to come in may be gott Ready to goe hence some time in December and the very last ere the 10th : January next and to prevent the like in the future wee think it best that you agree for all the White Cloth on cured Musters of each sort allowing for difference more or less as at receiveing the sevll : quantity's they shall be found to be in goodness by which means your White Cloth which is the greatest part of the Investment with you will be ready to be packed away assoon as prized and wee would have noe manner of goods bought in the Government of Maulda but what you cannot well procure elce where, what you have done to clear your business wee appear [*sic*] of and hope the pherwana if ever they will procure one at Decca will be according to your sevll : advises to them and us.

The slicked peece of Erendees Cloth wee Like well and therefore order that all that is dyed may be thus slicked as this peece you sent andeavour what you can to send the quantity required by the Comp[a]: soe that it may goe by these Shipps.

From Decca wee have some time since been told of a pherwanna to clear the Custome of the Mint but wee fear it may be according to their use not come till the coining business is over when the money Rec[d]: thereon will be irretreivable which wee cannot help but are forced to work with what tooles are allowed us, pray hasten your goods down as fast as packed up, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M[R]: HENRY STANLEY. HUGLY 2[D]: NOVEMBER 1681.

Wee now send you down into Ballasore to an Acco[tt]: of Receits for all such goods &c[a]: as you shall have hence from us and of from Ballasore to be laden on board the Europe shipps now in the Road.

Wee have herewith delivered you four small bookes (since the Goldon Fleece will be laden almost at once and therefore not require passing a Receipt or two ere her Gen[ll] bill of ladeing come to be signed) for each of the remaineing shipps one into which you must enter Receits fairely drawn up for whatever goods you by order hence or from Ballasore doe lade on board any of them for the Hon[ble]: Comp[as]: Acco[tt]: and you must alwaies remember to write over the head of each Receit Hugly goods or Ballasore according to the place whence they are consigned you and never write those two sortes in any one Receit and you are [to] make the Boatswaine to signe to each Receit thus drawn up in your bookes above said and to Remitt Coppies of them by the same conveyance that brought those goods unto yo[u] that soe wee here and our freinds at Ballasore may charge them to each shipp accord[ingly].

On the shipp Bengall Merchant wee have laden 2300 baggs saltpetre and on the shipp Pearle 1300 baggs ditto those being hired shipps wee send now immediately away to be laden all on board the shipp Goldon Fleece the rest intended on her shall be comei[ng] in about one weeke more that the Commander may have time to shift his shipp and [pre]pare to be gone since he will be dispatched with the parcell of goods that parcell of Saltpetre on board the Bengall Merchant hath all of it a slitt Bamboo sowed to the bagg this let be first laden and if you can two hundred more on the Pearle which have the same distinction from the rest on that Vessell which have noe marke assoone as you have laden those goods dispatch the Vessells away, wee Remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

There are 150 piggs Lead on board the Anne and 100 piggs D[o]: on the Georg, these lade on board the Comp[as]: three sloopes on their Arrivall Return hither on each a proportion according to their burthen.

The bills Ladeing for the Saltpetre on board the Bengall Merchant and Pearle are herewith delivered you: Ydem:

M V:

CAP[T]: NATHANIEL TOOLEY. HUGLY 2[D]. NOVEMBER 1681.

Wee enorder you on Receit hereof to Repaire on board your shipp the Bengall Merchant and with the first oppertunity of wind and tide to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course for the most speedy attaineing of Ballasore Roade

where when it shall please God to arrive you in safety you are to come to an Anchor as near the Shipp Goldon Fleece as you possibly can where you are to follow the orders of M^r^: Henry Stanley to whome wee referr you for your unladeing and dispatch, soe wish you a good voiage and remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

The same was delivered M^r^: Cropley in the shipp Pearle:
Mutatis, Mutandis.

CAP^T^: JN^O^: GOLDSBROUGH. HUGLY 2^D^: NOVEMBER 1681.

These are to advise you that the bearer hereof M^r^: Henry Stanley is sent down by us for this Moonsoon to lade and unlade to and from on board your shipp such goods as according to order from time to time he shall put on board you or demand from you the w^ch^: wee desire and order you to receive on board and deliver as occasion shall require and for what you thus take on board that you order your Boatswaine to pass Receits in a booke provided on purpose in the hands of said M^r^: Stanley wee desire you to give him the assistance of your Pinnace or Yaule as he may have occasion on the Comp^as^: business to pass from your shipp to another, wee Rest:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

The same was dispeeded to Capt^t^: Cooke, Capt^t^: Andrews, Capt^t^: Earning, Capt^t^: Brown.

M^R^: JONA: PRICKMAN. HUGLY 3^D^ NOVEMBER 1681.

Wee have Rec^d^: two of yours of the 16th and 26th: ultimo and fearing by the latter that the Pattana pion passed by Rajamaule with ours of the 3^d^ ultimo wherein were full orders given you concerning the treasure, (you are now on coining from this place) wee have therefore now sent you Copie thereof to which referr you.

The Rup^s^: 20000 you sent to Muxadavad are Rec^d^: and disposed according to order hence and you shall have Credd^tt^: for the same summe, if Nimmoo be your Podaur for the Mint he is an able fellow but you must be watchfull over him as being none of the honestest, Chittermulls Gomosteh will not dare to hinder your coining but will rather want your assistance in putting forward the Comp^as^: Mint affaire now in his hands (which pray afford him wee mean Letchooram[)?] who is one of the ablest bottoms that now uses Rajamaule Mint concerning him wee have wrote you formerly and doe desire you to be referred thereto.

M^r^: Hervy &c^a^: from Decca advised us sometime since that Hodgee Soffee Caunes Pherwanna was Ready to take of the custome of the Mint with you it seemes they take their own time to send it and wee fear though wish otherwaies that it may be detained (as the last year other Pherwannaes of greater import were) soe long that this of the Mint may be usefull only against next years coinage for wee finde that when the money is paide into the Kings treasury (which the timely comeing of the Pherwanna alone can prevent) it is very hard on any order to retreive it, the Pherwanna of Hodgee Soffee Caune on Rajib Ally is alsoe promised it may be they will come togather.

Wee think it very bad that a Vacqueele shall lay a certaine Rate on any boates that pass with our Dustuck because it will grow a custome w^t^: is really and unavoydably spent tis reason should be allowed by the concerned in the boates from time to time thus cleared and noe other waies at any rate more or less.

Wee doe not question but you will use your utmost endeavour to cleare all boates as they come and goe between Rajamaule and this place the Saltpetre boates

from Pattana wee hope may be w^th : you assoon as these and wee question not but one way or other although the Pherwanna should not arrive you will clear them alsoe.

Wee understand you have taken charge of the Cassumbuzar treasure pray hasten y^e : Coinage thereof what in you lies and remitt it thither according to their desire.

The walls fallen down in your house pray repaire and therein be as frugall in all such cases as you possibly can.

The Dutch name of Presents is alwaies great and soe is ours to them pray accord [the] business one way or another soe with Rajib Ally that our business of this Moonsoone may not be alsoe stopped wee have urged all those greivances to Decca but hitherto noe Remidye appeares.

Wee note your Podaurs mistake beetween the Ahungerries Rup^s : 800 and peet 149 there will be due to Acco^tt : siccaes the difference of Batta to say 1^r : ℘ C^t : on the former and 1^r : 8^a on the Peet which you must Credd^tt : the Acco^tt : for those species on sale comeing soe much short of the siccaes wee have not elce to add, save that, wee are :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^R ; SAMUEL HERVEY &C^A : HUGLY 7TH : NOVEMBER 1681.

S^rs :

Yours of the 10th : and 29th : ultimo came to hand the 2^d and 6th : instant the former w^th : your Diary for September which came late, and is enordred sooner, money, Money for your investment against next year you shall have your share of assoon as the Mint will yei[ld] it at Rajamaule and might have been long ere now had you gott out the Pherwanna [*a word lost*] the custome there.

M^r : Hervy wee suppose ere long may be called to answer what wee have understood from Jno : Pownsett when here with sev^ll : other things and then he may see all as they [*a word lost*] wee have not assistance in the interim to send Coppies to you.

What wee enorder you to doe in the Comp^as : name as wee have fully done the [*a word lost*] of the two shipps at Chattagaume doe hereby confirme it as alsoe for what necessary in [*a word lost*] to the Comp^as : affaires if you are not in Cash for, you are to take money up at interest [*a word lost*] and when you have cleared the shipps Let us have an Acc^tt : [fully of the expence on] them that wee may demand the amo^t : of the concerned here, they haveing applyed themselfes to us in the Comp^as : name and wholly referred themselfes to us.

Rajib Ally at Rajamaule demands 5 ℘ C^t : on all goods of ours that passes that way ℘wanna on him wee have fruitlessly wrote to you for a long time since the Comp^as Saltpetre is now comeing down from Pattana to the Amo^t : of about 20000 Mds and if wee shall be forced to pay custome it will be charged to your Acco^tt :, as takeing your own time notwithstanding reiterated orders hence to bring any business of this nature to an issue you boast much on other occasions of favour the English have at Decca and how much the Dutch are slighted but our experience tells us that they goe about nothing but they get it effected sooner then you hitherto have done.

The Maulda Pherwanna wee enorder you to get out with the most frugallity you can not to stint you soe as to starve the business only it will ly on you to cause it to be soe well penned as that it may stand good in the future against Hurnarraine and all his complices.

Wee have lately on a boat dispeeded to you Factors provisions one Chest of Wine 5 Chests of Flint Ware &c^{a}: as wee enordred the Warehousekeeper to advise you by her the Invoyce of the perticulers suddenly follows as effects of your investments wee shall send your share as advised in a foregoeing pharagraph the Muster of the flowerd Mullmulls came not to us that peece of Rhumalls as you call it wee intend to send the Comp^{a}: and would have a whole p^{s}: more of the same with the price as alsoe of this, wee remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: JOB CHARNOCK &C^{A}: HUGLY 9TH: NOVEMBER 1681.

S^{rs}:

Our last to you was of the 10th: ultimo, Wee have sev^{ll}: of yours by us which assoon as wee have Leizure shall be to what is necessary answered.

The two boates of Silke arrived hither and wee have take the silke on shoare being no bales, wee rest:

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R}: GEORGE PEACOCK &C^{A}: HUGLY 9TH: NOVEMBER 1681:

S^{rs}:

Our last to you was of the 3^{d}: ultimo since which came to hand yo^{rs}: of the 12th: September 13th: and 19th: ultimo the first was upwards of a Months time comeing whose bearer you had best turn out of the service therefore the two latter arrived the 29th: ultimo and 1st: Curr^{tt}:

Wee enorder that hence forward if not already done that the same weight of Petre may come to us from all places whence you send us the Comp^{as}: Saltpetre and that you througly examine who has been faulty in this short weight of the Begum seray petre and endeavour to get satisfaction of them for't, wee note what weight yor: Pattana Md is and expect it to hold out accordingly.

About the Vacqueele at Dilly wee have already in a former written to which referr you.

Wee suppose M^{r}: Peacock will have noe occasion to come from Pattana his Wife proceeding thither this day a Chest of Wine and sev^{ll}: other things wee have this day sent towards you on a boate for the Comp^{as}: an Acco^{tt}: of perticulers and Calculate of prices you will Receive from our Warehousekeeper and an Invoyce shall follow at first Leizure.

Your bookes are faulty this year in severall respects which M^{r}: Littleton has written about and will and wee enorder you to follow his direction therein perticulerly you have not entred the sallarys as enordred.

The Turmericq wee are glad you have provided 1200 Mds more of and ere January the time of giveing out money thereon or rather buying it in wee shall give you further orders thereon.

Wee note the fight between the Amins of Mowa and the Princes People and that the latter were beaten of, And are glad the bill of Exchange for Rup^{s}: 25000

was Rec[d] : in due time on Acco[tt] : the Comp[a] : but you advise not what more will be necessary for the next years imprest that is what for saltpetre and what for turmericq, which pray doe ℔ your next.

Your Diary &c[a] : for M[o] : September have Rec[d] : but desire it may in the future come more timely.

Wee note what you write about the Agra Rup[s] : of Pattana, and hence noe more of the Dutch concerning their bill of Exchange for Rup[s] : 2000 lately paid them in the Curr[tt] : peet of this place the Letter you sent from them thence was delivered as directed.

The brass panns sent you were at 20[RS] : ℔ p[s] : and the ladles and scummers at 27[RS] in all at which Rates you must charge them.

Your bookes of Acco[tts] : one paire for this year wee have though exceeding late Rec[d] : as alsoe two Diary's but you must bring them both to the end of this March whereas you have continued these now sent only to the fine of Aprill last pray faile not to send us the rest, the Charges Gen[ll] ; need not be continued any further then to the end of Aprill Last, beames and Scales wee shall write for this year to England as alsoe the panns and Coppers you desire but you must advise what the Advantage thereof will be (since they will am[ot] : to a sum̃e of money) that wee may advise the Hon[ble] : Comp[a] : accordingly.

Wee expect two pair more of your books and know if set to they may be done in a short time therefore pray faile us not herein, pray make the best end with your Nabob you can, and send us down all our Masters goods the soonest possible, which is all at present from :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M[R] : HENRY STANLEY. HUGLY 10TH : NOVEMBER 1681.

S[r] :

On y[e] three sloopes wee have laden for the Hon[ble] : Comp[as] : Acco[tt] : Taffaties] 51 Chests silke 160 bales and Saltpetre 2700 baggs which wee enorder you to put on board the shipps as hereunder specifyed Viz[t] :

On the shipp Goldon Fleece 1200 baggs Saltpetre out of the [Good] Hope and 200 baggs, ditto out of the Ganges in all 1400 baggs which with what was lately sent down in your charge 5000 baggs Saltpetre this when you have laden take three bills for, one of which inclose in our Genĩĩ : advises sent herewith to the Agent and Councell the other two return us ℔ the sloopes and then give Capt[t] : Cooke his Dispatch and the genĩĩ : advises to Muddapollam and Metchlepatam which accompany these.

On the shipp George lade 422 Chests Taffaties out of the Good Hope with her 79 bales Raw Silke and out of the Arrivall lade on the same shipp 51 bales Raw silke and 1000 baggs Saltpetre likewise out of the Ganges lade on ditto shipp 7 Chests of Taffaties with 20 bales Raw Silke and 300 baggs petre.

On the Shipp Caesar laid out of the Arrivall 22 Chests the foregoeing goods are what sent this turn on the sloopes and you will finde the markes and numbers of the peece, and bale goods at the bottom of these advises to w[ch] referr you.

Immediately after you are unladen there will arrive as wee hope in safety to you three parcells of boates to say 7 boates and Pergeesin one parcell over whome Bunga pion is Cheife and they bring 600 baggs turmericq, and 2357 baggs Saltpetre, alsoe 6 boates over whome Innead pion is Cheife which are laden w[th] : 586 baggs Turmericq, and 2000 ditto of Saltpetre, the last parcell is in three boates on which are sent 600 baggs Turmericq and 1000 baggs Saltpetre on those Mosim pion

is Cheife these all come for the Honble: Comp^{as}: Acco^{tt}: and wee have sent inclosed both the Masters of the Sloopes Receits as alsoe of [*a word or two lost*] boates in three parcells with the name of the pion that Commands in Cheife [*a word lost*] though every perticuler boatmans bill is alsoe indorsed whereby you will see what he is Responsable for and in case any thing comes short (in which Respect you are to see justice done the boatemen you must return their bill to us indorsed with an Acco^{tt}: of wanting that wee may recover it here.

The Turmericq and petre on the abovementioned boates enord^{r}: you to lade Viz^{t}:

On the Bengall Merchant those 600 baggs Turmericq, and 2357 ditto petre on those 7 boates in charge of Bunga pion.

On the Cæsar lade those 586 baggs Turmericq and 2000 baggs petre sent on those 6 boates in charge of Innead pion.

On the George these 600 baggs Turmericq, and 1000 baggs petre sent on the 3 boates in charge of Mosim pion.

As fast as you unlade those boates dispatch the [*sic*] into Ballasore River.

Wee have given order in every sloopes dispatch that they assist you with one man to take Acco^{tt}: of the [unlivering ?] every Respective sloopes Ladeing.

The Lead on board the George lade on board the Arrivall and that on the Anne on board the Good Hope.

Wee call not elce to minde save that the markes and numbers of the foregoeing peece and bale goods is entred at the bottom of these as abovesaid wee are:

Your Loveing freind [*sic*]

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI: TRENCHFEILD.

On board the Good Hope

T [...] 22: Chests Taffaties from N°: 1 to 22

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T [N°: A] 14: bales Raw silke from N°: 1 to 14
B: 40: D°: of D°: from N°: 1 to 40
E: 14: D°: of D°: from N°: 1 to 14
S: 2: D°: of D°: N°: 1: 2:
T A: A: 1: D°: of D°: N°: 1:
B: 3: D°: of D°: N°: 1: 2: 3:
C: 5: D°: of D°: N°: 1: 2: 3: 4: 5:

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79 bales Raw silke

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On board the Arrivall

F: B: 22 Chests of Taffaties from N°: 1 to 22:

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TN: G: 40: bales Raw silke from N°: 1 to 40
F: 11: D°: of [D°·] from N°: 1 to 11:

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51 bales Raw silke

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On board the Ganges

F: G. 7 Chests Taffaties from N°: 1 to 7

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TN: D: 22: bales Raw silke from N°: 1 to 22
G: 3: D°: of D°: N°: 1: 2: 3: :
TM: A: 1: D°: of D°: N°: 1: – – :
B: 3: D°: of D°: N°: 1: 2: 3:
C: 1: D°: of D°: N°: 1: – – –:

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30 bales Raw silke.

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M^r: George Herron. Hugly 10th: November 1681.

Your Sloope the Good Hope being with what goods thought convenient wee enorder you to repaire on board of her and make the best of you way into Ballasore Road whither when it shall please God to arrive you, you are to come to an Anchor as near the Shipp Goldon Fleece as you conveniently can and the follow what orders you shall receive from M^r: Henry Stanley now there for your unladeing and dispatch alsoe you are punctually to afford him the assistance of one of your men that understands to keep an Acco^tt: of goods laden and unladen whilest you remaine there.

In charge of Bunga pion wee have sent 7 booates q^t: 600 baggs Turmericq and 2357 ditto of Saltpetre these you are to take care to see as low as the Narrows of Hugly River and the make the best of your way down as aforesaid, wee wish you a good voyage Remaineing:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

The same was delivered M^r: Sherman in the Arrivall to Anchor as near the George as he possibly could goeing down in Comp^a: with 6 boates (in charge of Innead pion) q^t: 586 baggs Turmericq, and 2000 baggs Saltpetre.

M^r: Edwards Rec^d: the same accompanying 3 boates (in charge of Mosim pion) q^t: 600 baggs Turmericq and 1000 d^o: Saltpetre.

M^r: James Cooke. Hugly 10TH: November 1681.

S^r:

Your Shipp the Goldon Fleece being laden wth such goods as wee have thought convenient for Acco^tt of our Masters the Honble. East India Comp^a: wee enorder [you] on Receit hereof to Repaire on board y^e: said shipp and with the first oppertunity of Wind and weather to weigh your Anchor and set saile bending your course w^th: the best of [your] skill and judgment for the most speedy attaineing of the Port of Fort S^t: George Madrasspatam whither when it shall have pleased God to Arrive you in safety you are to send or carry on shoar our packett to the Worsp^ll: the Agent and Councell there whose orders you are to follow.

In your way to the Fort wee enorder you to touch at Maddapollam and Metchlepatam and to send our Letters to the Cheife and Councell of each place and you are alsoe to comply with such orders as each of them shall give you ℘ suant to such as they [shall] have Rec^d: from the Right Worsp^ll: Agent and Councell [above] saide [*a word or two lost*] wee [wish you] a good voyage and Remaine:

Your Loveing freinds

Matthias Vincent.
Edward Littleton.
Francis Ellis.
Ri: Trenchfeild.

In case the Cheife and Councell of Maddapollam and Metchlepatam shall desire to send our Packett (that goes by you) to y^e: Fort wee enorder you to deliver it them takeing their Receit for the same.

Ydem M: Vincent.
E: Littleton.
F: Ellis.
R: Trenchfeild.

MR : FYTCH NEDHAM &CA : HUGLY 12TH : NOVEMBER 1681.

Loveing freinds

Our last to you was dated the 29th : ultimo since which the 10th : Currtt : wee Recd : yours of the 18th : ditto Mo : what your Weavers and Peicaurs have done doubtless at the instigation of your Governour and the Pattam togather and wee doubt not [*a word lost*] blow over well enough as alsoe all the Rest of your troubles and your business and [*a word lost*] will be the better settled hereafter for those shocks there at the first, wee are very glad the Dutch precend [*sic*] affrights them from haveing recourse to Decca because all remidy's wee have been able to get thence in most cases haveing been soe delayed that they have proved worse then the disease almost, from Decca wee are advised that James Price the Vacqueele there informes them that for about Rs : 2000 in the whole of which ye : Nabob must have the greatest part he doubts not to procure a pherwanna absolutely remitting the Chaup and all other duty's as it is at Cassumbuzar this wee [*a word lost*] given them orders concerning though not without inculcateing frugallity.

Wee note that the Gomosteh from Porunnia advises you that at the first Daudnee there he cannot bring those people to agree for any more then 1md : 25srs : of that small weight for 1 Rupie pay [*sic*] order him to buy up what he can and if possible bring them to dry it ere he brings it to the scale and Let him dry on bagg by it selfe weighing it ere he puts it out into the sunn and againe afterwards to see how much it looses that on occasion when it cannot be first dryed a true allowance may be found for the difference between Wett and dry, pray let nothing discourage you from bringing the Petre business in those partes if possible to perfection.

Wee shall want yearly the qt : of 5000 M̃ds Hugly of Turmericq which if you are certaine to secure (which advise) ℘ the next wee shall forbidd buying any hence forward at Patta : where at the lowest price it is much dearer.

Wee sent you a Chest of the Honble : Compas : Wine and another of Flint Ware for Presents by way of Rajamaule and Mr : Prickman orders to convey them to you.

Wee have inculcated a Pherwanna from Hodgee Soffee Caune on Rajib Ally at Rajamaule they advise us thence that there is little difficulty in getting it out but wee doe not finde it done wee suppose that and the Mint Pherwanna will come to gather wee wish it be not soe late as to be useless for this years business if not for ever, you must please Rajib Ally in the meantime and get business and boates cleared thence the best you can, wee expecting from Pattana 10000 M̃ds Saltpetre suddenly, wee Remaine :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

MR : JOHN BYAM &CA : HUGLY 20TH NOVEMBER 1681.

Srs

Wee have Recd : yours of the 12th : Currtt : and note your haveing paid Mellick Cassim Rups : 250 on our bill of Excha :

Wee are glad to understand that the Lilly is cleared and that the goods though somewhat dammaged be saved the Flint Ware is such as came to us out of England tho' wee could wish both you and all other Factory's such sortes had been put up for us as would have been more acceptable and of a better sort of Flint then those now come are you must not faile to sollicite for the money taken from the Master of the Lilly who was unwise to acknowledge he had any or then to part with it and you must complaine of the great abuse used to our people herein.

Your Vacqueele wee apprehend to be an ordinary fellow you will doe well to Looke out for a good one and make his wages accordingly.

What missed goeing to the Coast last year of Packing Stuffe &c[a] : is all charged to Ballasore Factory and you must send it up on the Goldon Fleece if not gone adding to the foot of her Invoyce and entring into her bill of Ladeing sent lately down to M[r] : Stanley in the Road which advise on thereof and its perticulers and am[ot] : and Charge it to our Acco[tt] : Curr[tt].

Wee herewith send you an Invoyce of what sent the 17th : September last on the sloope Lilly am[ot] : to Rup[s] [*Lacuna in original*] for which give Acco[tt] : Curr[tt] : Credd[tt] : wee have sent you Fact[rs] : provissions on the Sloope the 11th : instant, wee Rest :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M[R] : HENRY STANLEY. HUGLY 22 NOVEMBER 1681.

S[rs]

Our last to you was dated the 29th : Currant wee Rec[d] : yours of the 12 ditto two daies agone and find you have drawn out your Receits for 18 baggs of Saltpetre short of what wee sent hence on the Surratt shipp and the Pearle which you should not have done but drawn the Acco[tts] : full assent hence and Let the boatswaines signe with exceptions because in the case of Saltpetre after good search has been made in the Vessells it is laden on there is noe fear but it is in the shipp and in case any bale goods you must make the Boatswaine hoist all up againe if he and you cannot be otherwise satisfied in case Cap[t] : Cooke be not gone Let his bills of Ladeing be filled according to our advises of Petre sent hence against which Let him or his purser except what they think good soe you must alwaies doe. wee Remaine :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M[R] : GEORGE PEACOCK &C[A] : HUGLY 25TH : NOVEMBER 1681.

S[r]

Our Last to you was dated the 9th ultimo to which referr you haveing [*a word lost*] thereto save that wee finde the Copies of your Diary Register to reach [*a word or two lost*] the time of Aprill Last but it should according to the standing rules [*a word or two lost*] end of this Month pray send those last seaven Months drawn faire out in two Coppies assoon as you possibly can to proceed by this shipping.

Wee to this day have noe manner of news of any more Saltpetre from your partes which wee much admire at sinc by your advises it has seemed to us that Mds 10000 was ready to come thence by the begining of last Month pray hasten the quantity you can send this year that if possible it may be here the next Month.

Wee have dispeeded to you 456 Mds of Tynn and 39[Mds] : $22\frac{1}{2}$[Srs] : of Copper Hugly weight am[ot] : as ℔ Invoyce accomp[a] : to Rup[s] : 13932 the boatemans note alsoe comes herewith attested by our Cozzee and on the boate wee have sent one md.

weight of [*a word lost*] factory with the said boatmans knot and our seale that there may be noe dispatch as w^{th} : the last parcell of Tynn sent you it seems there was about the difference of weight w^{ch} : is all at present from :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R} : JONATHAN PRICKMAN. HUGLY 25TH : NOVEMBER 1681.

S^{rs} .

Yours of the 13th : $Curr^{tt}$: wee Rec^{d} : the 17th : instant and note what Cash sent by you to Muxadavad which wee shall give you $Credd^{tt}$: for as alsoe for [3 chests siccaes] remitted by you to Cassumbuzar the rest pray hasten as fast as possible you [can on] getting Maulda and our Shawes here as treasure is coined in proportion.

The Pherwanna on the Droga of the Mint wee have long written for and by the last from Decca there was small though some hopes thereof wee fear it will come when our occasion thereof for this year will be over for if it comes not till the coinage is done it will be of noe use.

Our boates must be cleared from Rajamaule by you since from Decca they yet are not and the Government there kept good correspondence with and by all good means contented our Masters goods may meet with noe great obstructions goeing to or comeing from Pattana.

You must alwaies inculcate frugallity to your Vacquale there and nev^{r} : seem content nor forbear Checking him when boates are not cleared on very reasonable termes, the concerned goeing with to Durbarr is not good for he can impose w^{t} : what he pleases notwithstanding that and their being with him at giveing money bears him out therein and this gives the Government aime alsoe which are the $Comp^{as}$: own boates and which belongs to their servants which distinction they should be able to find it very hurtfull or may be in time to both as the Dutch here to their cost have found.

Wee call not elce to mind but to urge you to finnish the coineing and to send the produce of the treasure as formerly ordred the soonest you possibly can, wee are:-

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

M^{R} : JONATHAN PRICKMAN. HUGLY 30TH : NOVEMBER 1681.

S^{r} :

Wee Rec^{d} : yours of the 20th : instant three daies agone and thereby understand that you sent that day by boate to Cassumbuzar 9500 Siccae Rup^{s} : wee had notice thence of their Receit of 36200^{Rs} : sent before but nothing of those thõ : suppose wee shall by their next.

Petre boates will doubtless pass Rajamaule all this year as they have hitherto all along been able to doe supposeing our freinds at Pattana will Lade what they send down in January or February on small boates wee hope you will ere this have cleared those wee had advice of the 28th : $Curr^{tt}$: that they were dispatched from Singee the 9th : instant.

You must endeavour to please your Duan there till a remidy comes from Decca he cannot think to take custome of any of our boates concerning which he cannot have the face of raiseing their scandall of being Merchants boates and such are those upon which the English themselfes proceed and the Saltpetre boates which all know never were yet detained in the name of Merchants boates.

Wee desire you to finnish the Coineing assoon as possible and the best you can that every factory may have their proportion of stock early to be doeing against the next shipping which is all at present from :

Your Loveing freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

MR : FYTCH NEDHAM &CA : HUGLY 30TH : NOVEMBER 1681.

Srs :

Our Last to you was dated the 12th : instant to which wee referr you since which wee have Recd : yours of the 18th : ditto, being glad to understand that you had got ready near 5000 ps : of your coulered goods and hope notwithstanding your troubles that all expected thence this year will in good time alsoe come.

Wee have the same apprehensions of the Pherwannaes from Decca wth : you not expecting any of them thence till there will be little occasion for them either for your Maulda stop or that at Rajamaule or to clear the custome.

The Erendees send what you can of them slickned this season and the next year the whole quantity required.

Wee have sent Mr : Prickman orders about supplying you with your stock which ere this he questionless has done.

Assoon as your money is coined at the Mint and wee can see what will be Remaineing on the dispatch of those shipps wee shall send you up your portion thereof wee call not elce to minde save that wee are :

Your Loveing Freinds

MATTHIAS VINCENT.
EDWARD LITTLETON.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
RI : TRENCHFEILD.

Inclosed wee send you the Invoyce of Flint Ware &ca : lately sent you by way of Rajamaule amot : to 144RS : for which giving Accott : Currtt : Creddtt : Idem.

M : VINCENT.
E : LITTLETON.
FR : ELLIS.
R : TRENCHFEILD.

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